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ALIEN BEAM-SAT'S ENCIRCLED A BARREN PLANETOID IN THE MORGYN ARM OF THE GALAXY . . . AND IN A MATTER OF MICRO-SECONDS THE PLANETOID HAD GONE.



THE PLANETOID, MORGYN III, WAS UNINHABITED AND ITS OBLITERATION WOULD HAVE GONE UNNOTICED HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR THE TERRAN AUTOMATIC HYPER-TRANSMIT RELAY STATION SITUATED ON ITS SURFACE.



THE GALAC-SQUAD BATTLECRUISER, BRADDOCK, WAS ON MANOEUVRES IN THE MORGYN SYSTEM . . .

BRIDGE CONTROL REPORTING — WE HAVE HYPER-BEAM FAILURE ON MORGYN III.



GENERAL LARZ, HEAD OF GALAC SQUAD,
TERRA'S DEFENCE FORCE, WAS ON
BOARD BRADDOCK.



HEAD FOR
MORGYN, CAPTAIN.

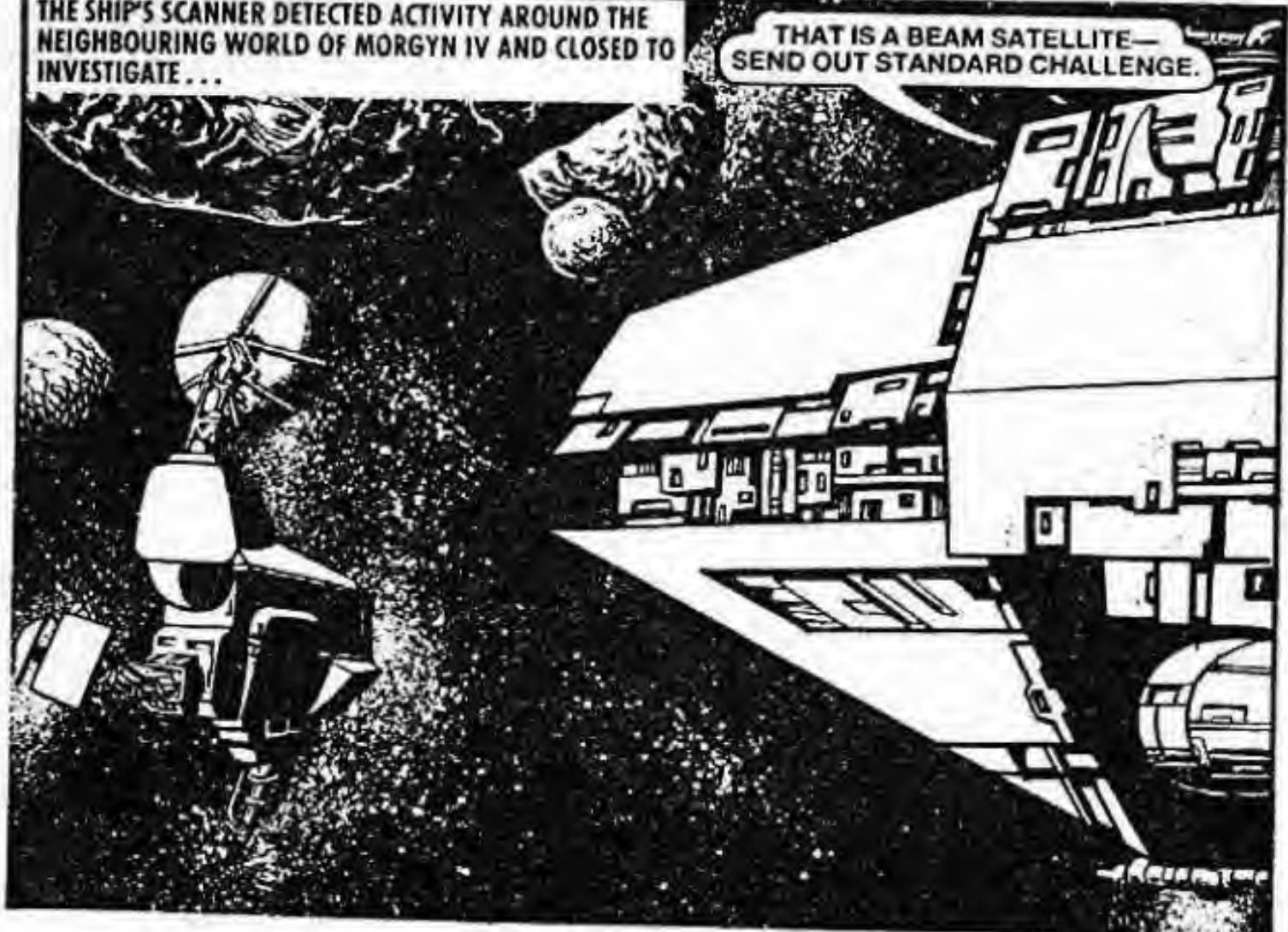


THAT'S THE SPACE WHERE
MORGYN III SHOULD BE, SIR.

IT'S MISSING!
IT CAN'T BE!

THE SHIP'S SCANNER DETECTED ACTIVITY AROUND THE
NEIGHBOURING WORLD OF MORGYN IV AND CLOSED TO
INVESTIGATE...

THAT IS A BEAM SATELLITE—
SEND OUT STANDARD CHALLENGE.





SIR . . . THERE IS NO RESPONSE
TO OUR CHALLENGE.

ENGAGE THE ALIEN WITH
LIVE WEAPONRY, THEN!

STARWINDER MISSILES
AWAY AND ON TARGET!

THE MISSILES REACHED THEIR TARGET WITH MICRO PRECISION, BUT—



MORGYN IV WENT THE SAME WAY AS ITS SISTER PLANETOID —
AND THE MEN OF THE BRADDOCK WERE LEFT AS SPECTATORS.



GENERAL LARZ SWIFTLY ESTABLISHED AN EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE ON A TERRAN WORLD AND WAS SOON JOINED BY HADRON HALLEY, THE MOST EXPERIENCED OF THE FIGHTING-SCIENTISTS, AN ELITE BRANCH OF GALAC SQUAD.

WELL, HADRON. WHAT DOES FI-SCI MAKE OF THIS ONE?

I'VE GOT TO ADMIT WE'RE BAFFLED.



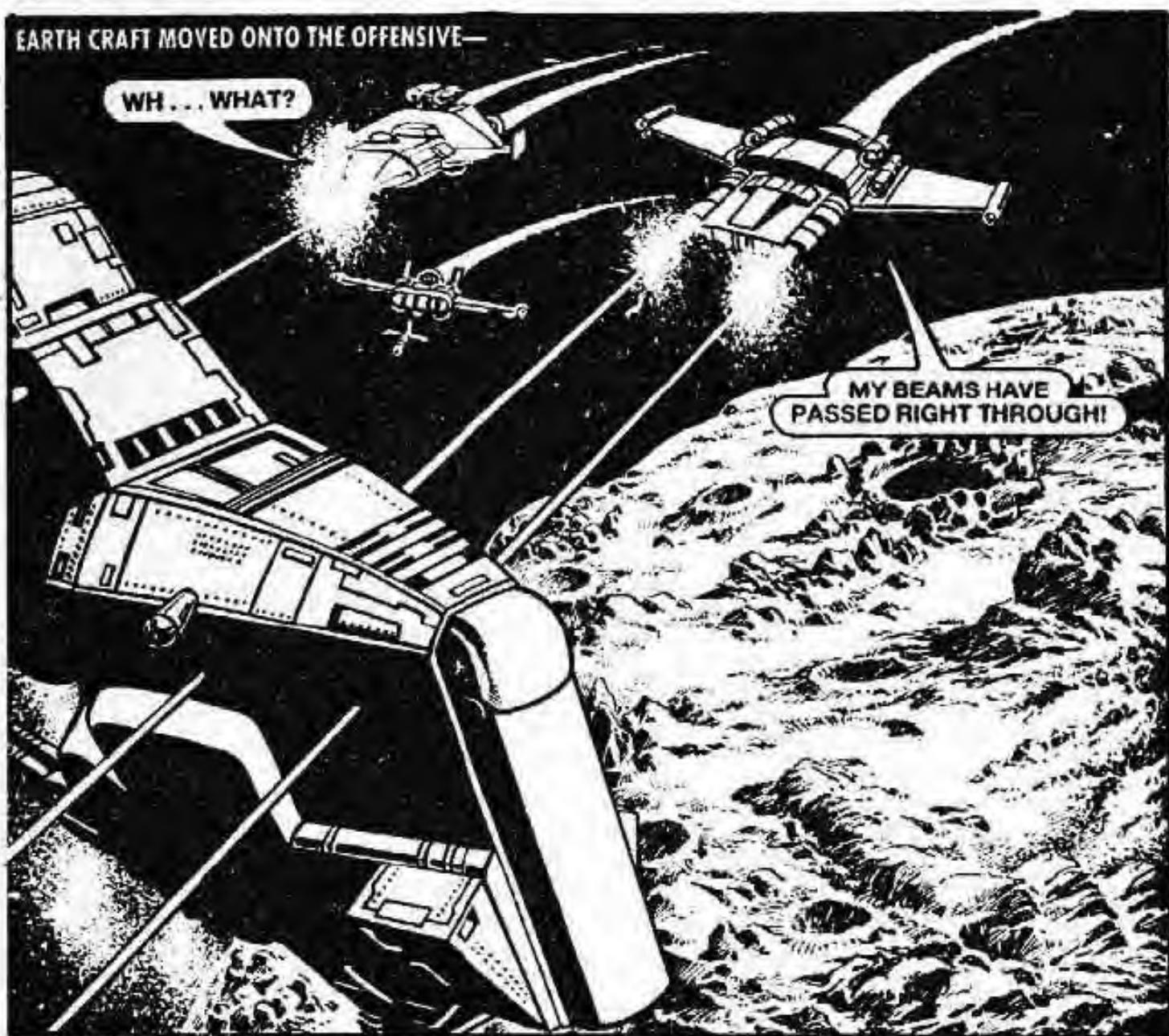
WE'RE LOSING PLANETS AT A RATE WHICH COULD UNBALANCE THE GRAVITATIONAL FORCES OF THIS SECTOR OF THE GALAXY.

AND BY MACHINES WITH NO SUBSTANCE.

BIP-BIP
WHAT PUZZLES ME IS THAT NO ENERGY IS RELEASED WHEN THE PLANETS ARE DESTROYED ...

SAVE THE SCIENCE FOR LATER, HADRON. THAT ALARM MEANS WE'RE UNDER ATTACK.



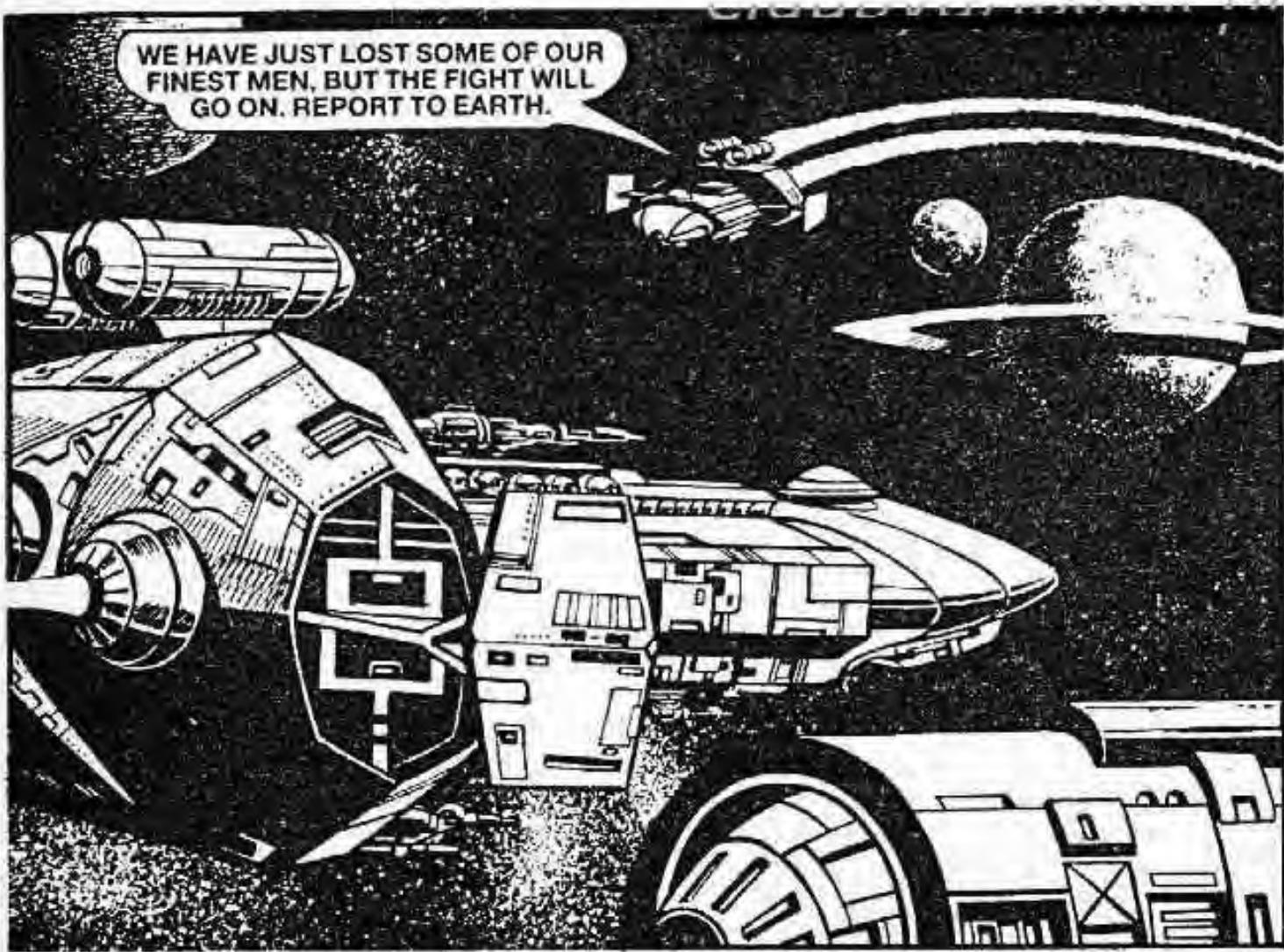




BUT BEFORE THE SQUADRON LEADER
COULD CLOSE WITH THE ALIEN BEAM-
SATT, THE PLANET DISINTEGRATED.

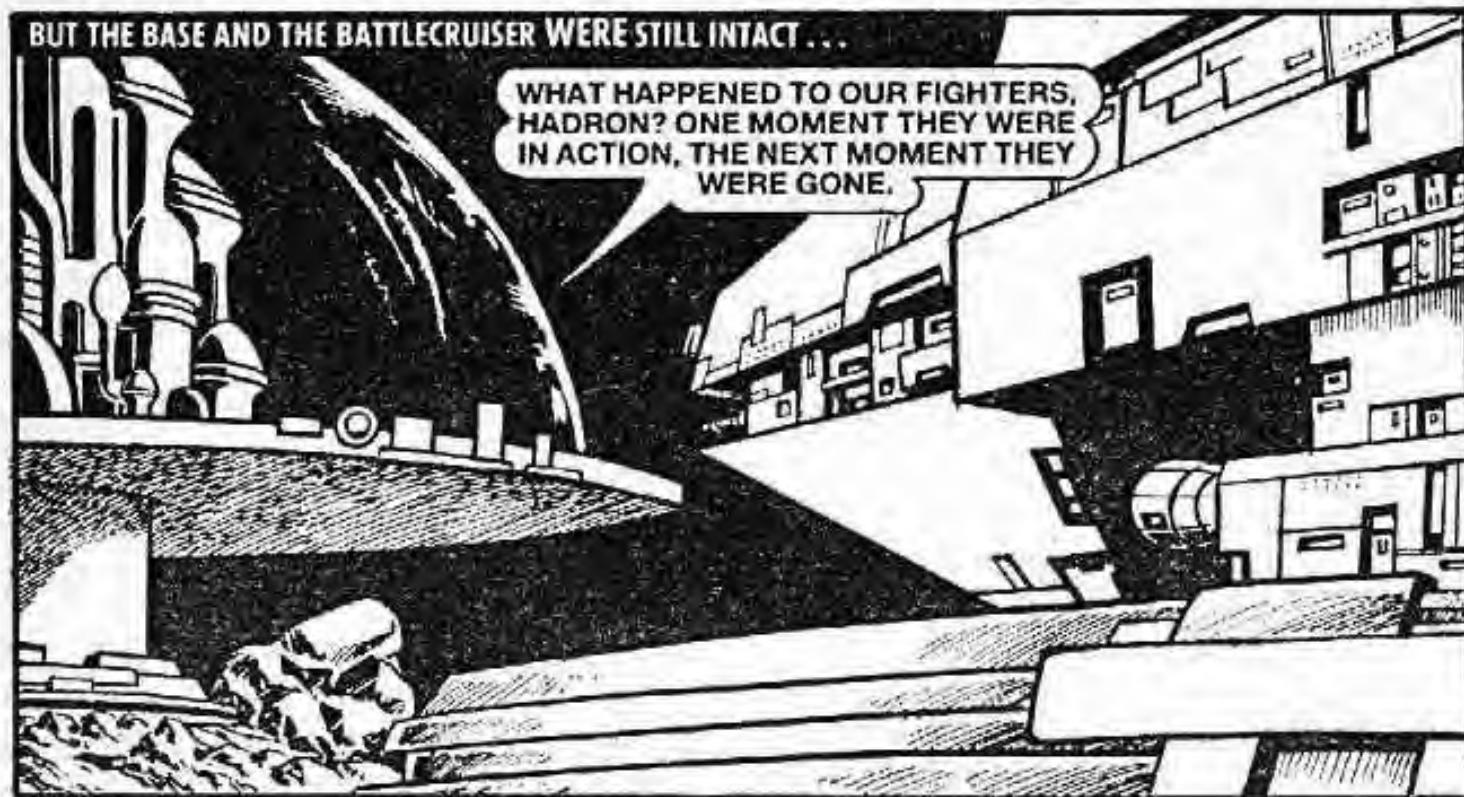


WE HAVE JUST LOST SOME OF OUR
FINEST MEN, BUT THE FIGHT WILL
GO ON. REPORT TO EARTH.



BUT THE BASE AND THE BATTLECRUISER WERE STILL INTACT ...

WHAT HAPPENED TO OUR FIGHTERS,
HADRON? ONE MOMENT THEY WERE
IN ACTION, THE NEXT MOMENT THEY
WERE GONE.





BEFORE HADRON COULD EXPAND ON HIS
THEORY, THE EARTHMEN BECAME AWARE
OF A NEW DANGER ...

JUPE! WE'RE ABOUT TO SMASH
INTO THAT OTHER PLANET!



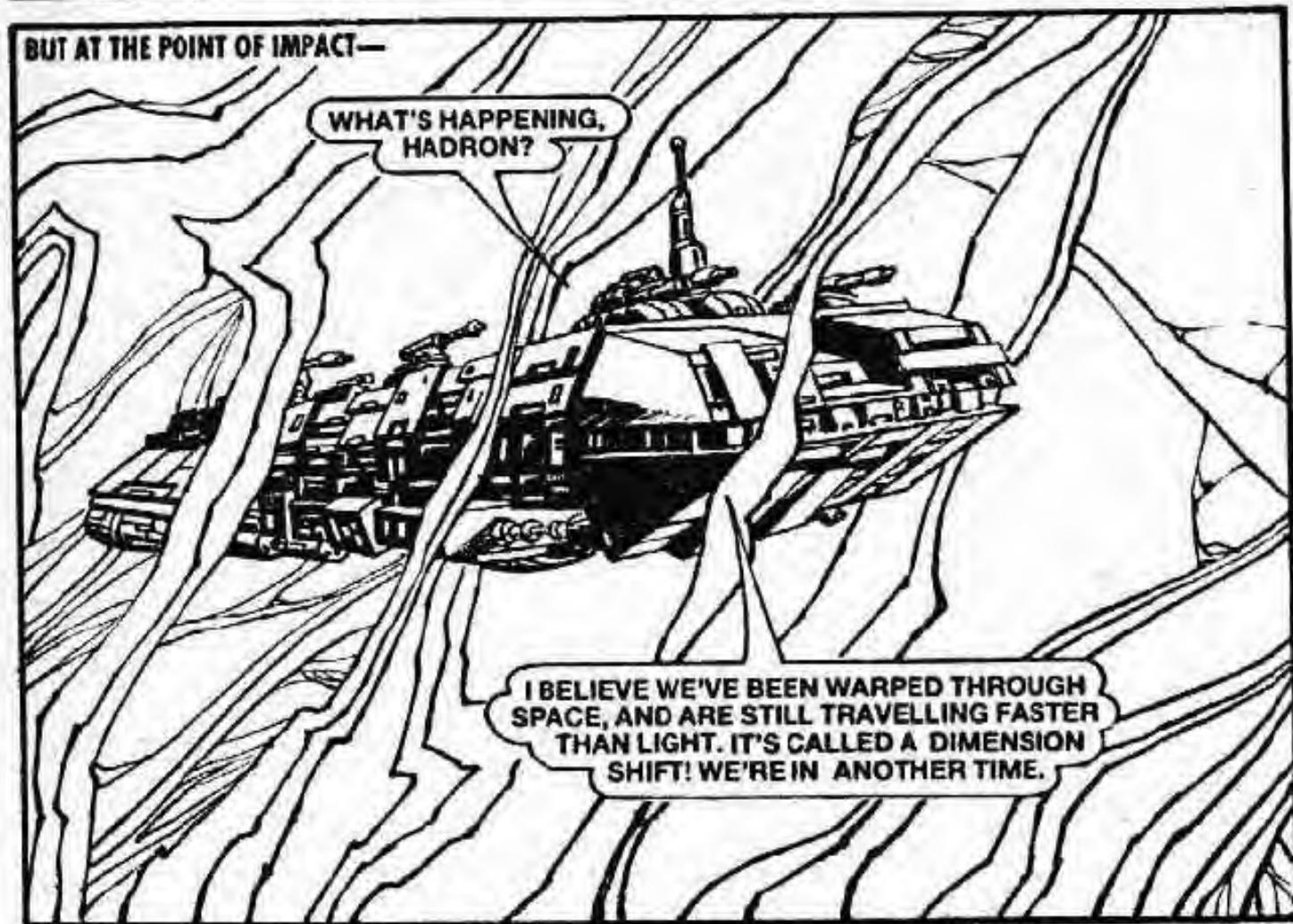
ONLY AN EMERGENCY BLAST-OFF SAVED THE BRADDOCK AND MEN OF THE BASE.

FULL AHEAD ON MAIN DRIVE! WE
DON'T WANT TO END UP AS THE
MEAT IN A PLANETARY SANDWICH!

CRACK!

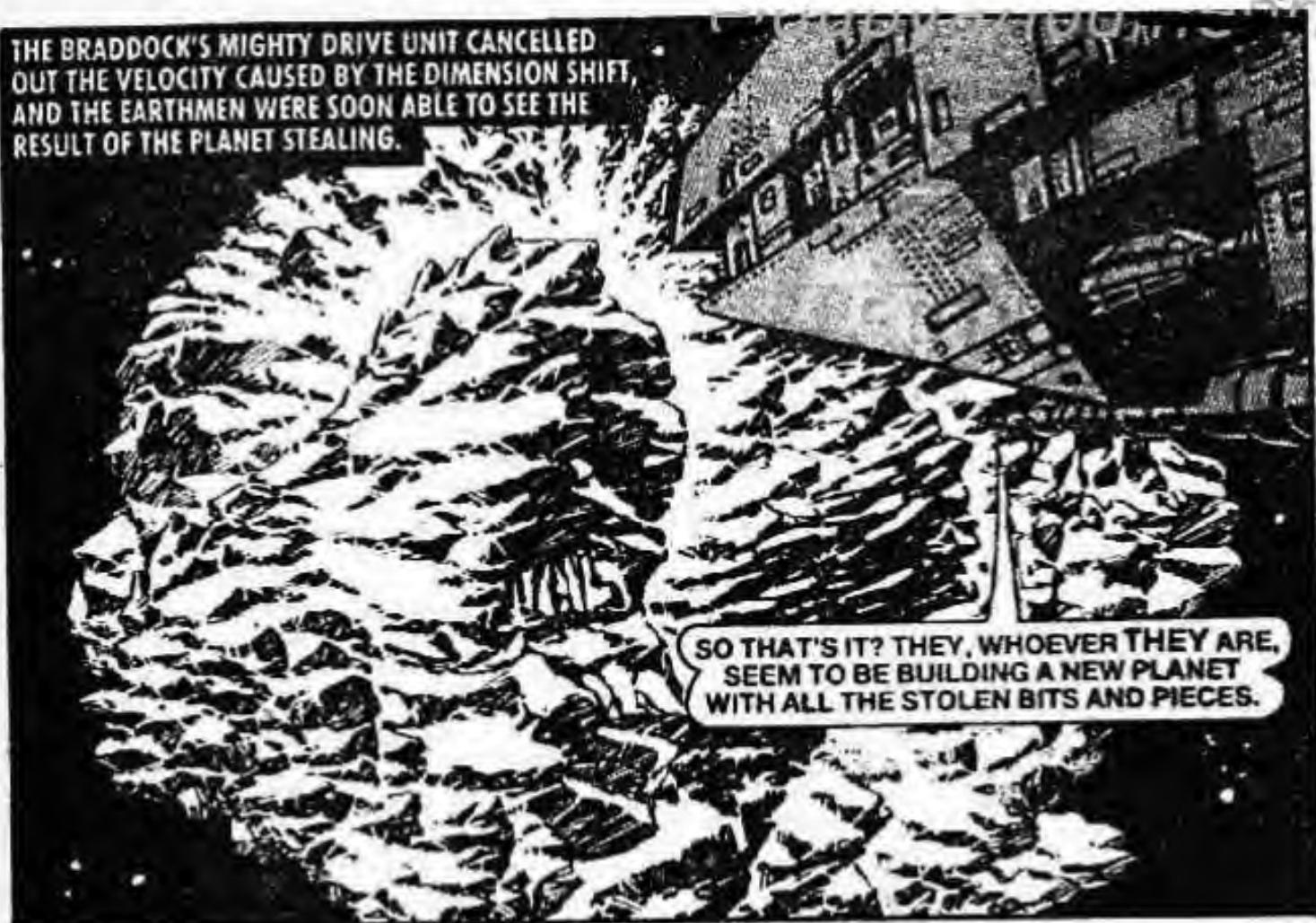
MADE IT! NOW LET'S TAKE A CLOSE
LOOK AT ONE OF THOSE BEAM-SATTS ...



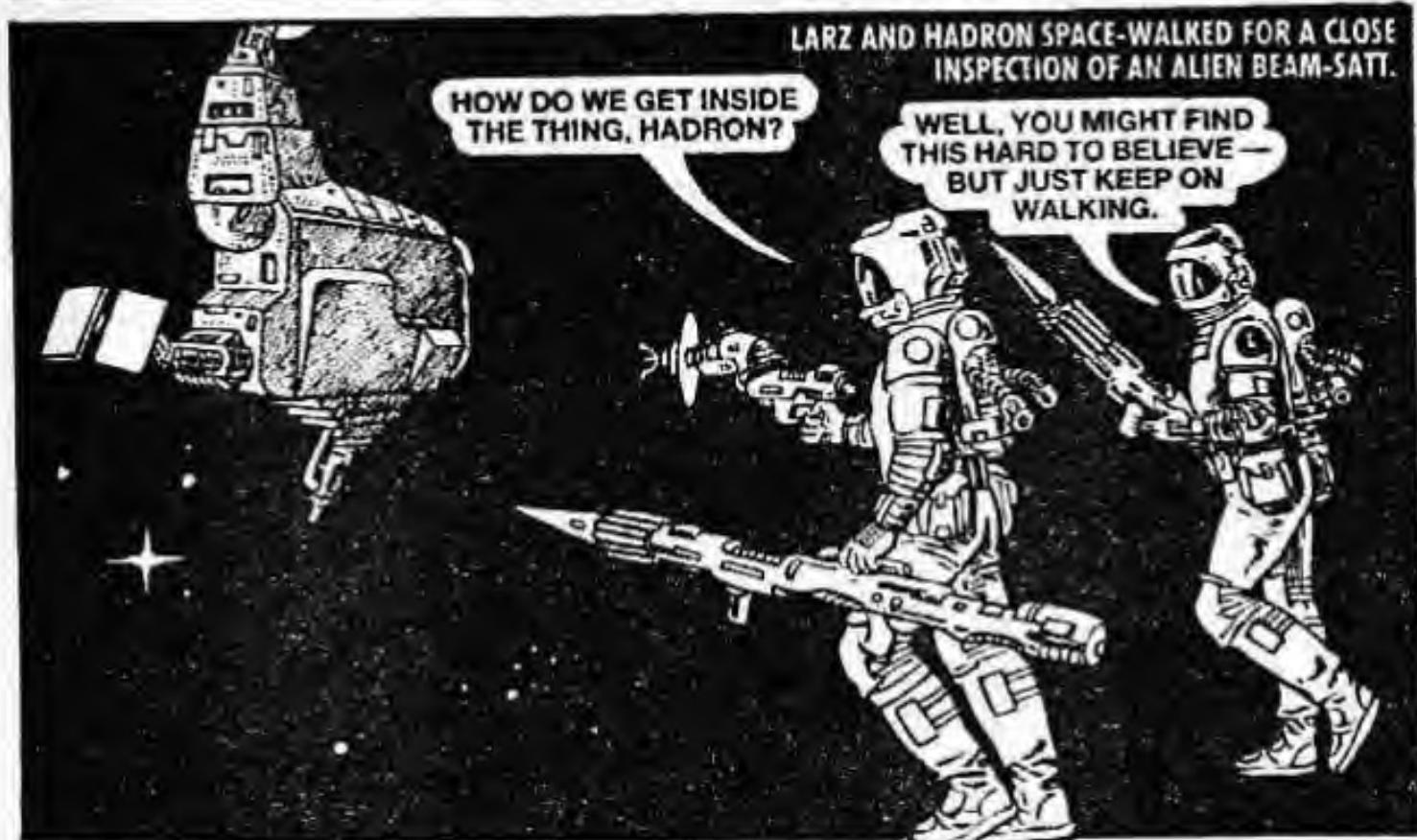




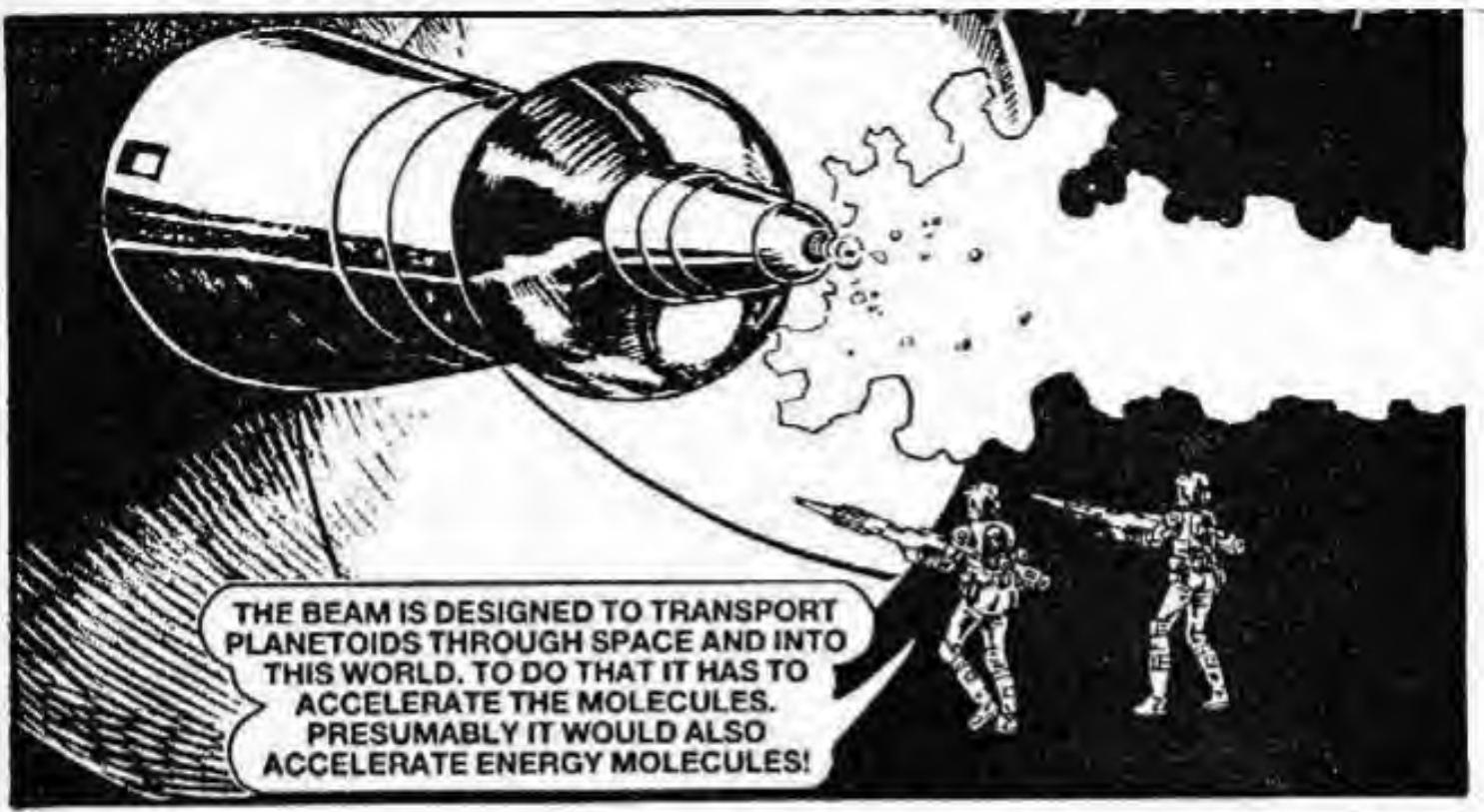
THE BRADDOCK'S MIGHTY DRIVE UNIT CANCELLED OUT THE VELOCITY CAUSED BY THE DIMENSION SHIFT, AND THE EARTH MEN WERE SOON ABLE TO SEE THE RESULT OF THE PLANET STEALING.



SO THAT'S IT? THEY, WHOEVER THEY ARE, SEEM TO BE BUILDING A NEW PLANET WITH ALL THE STOLEN BITS AND PIECES.

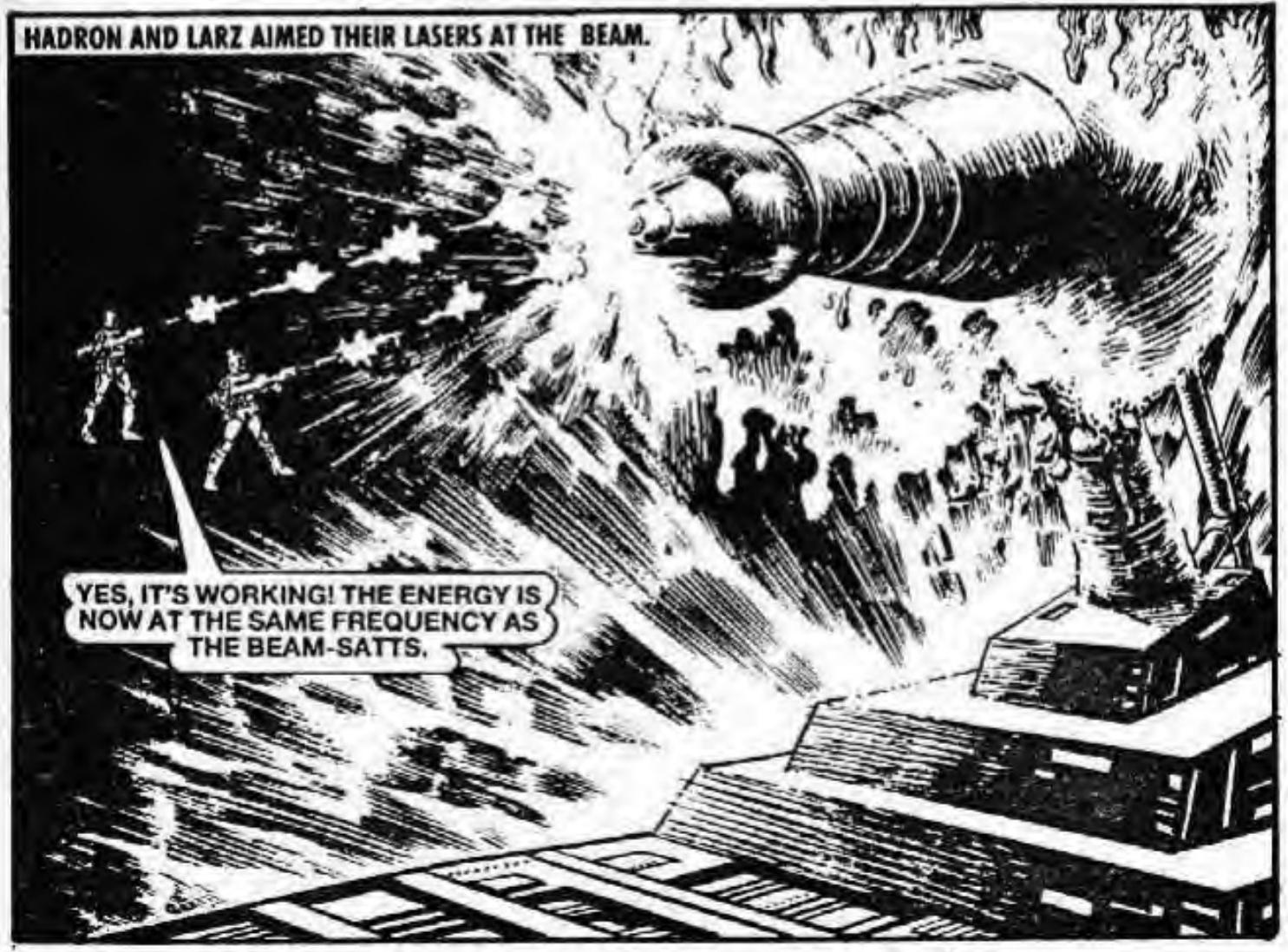






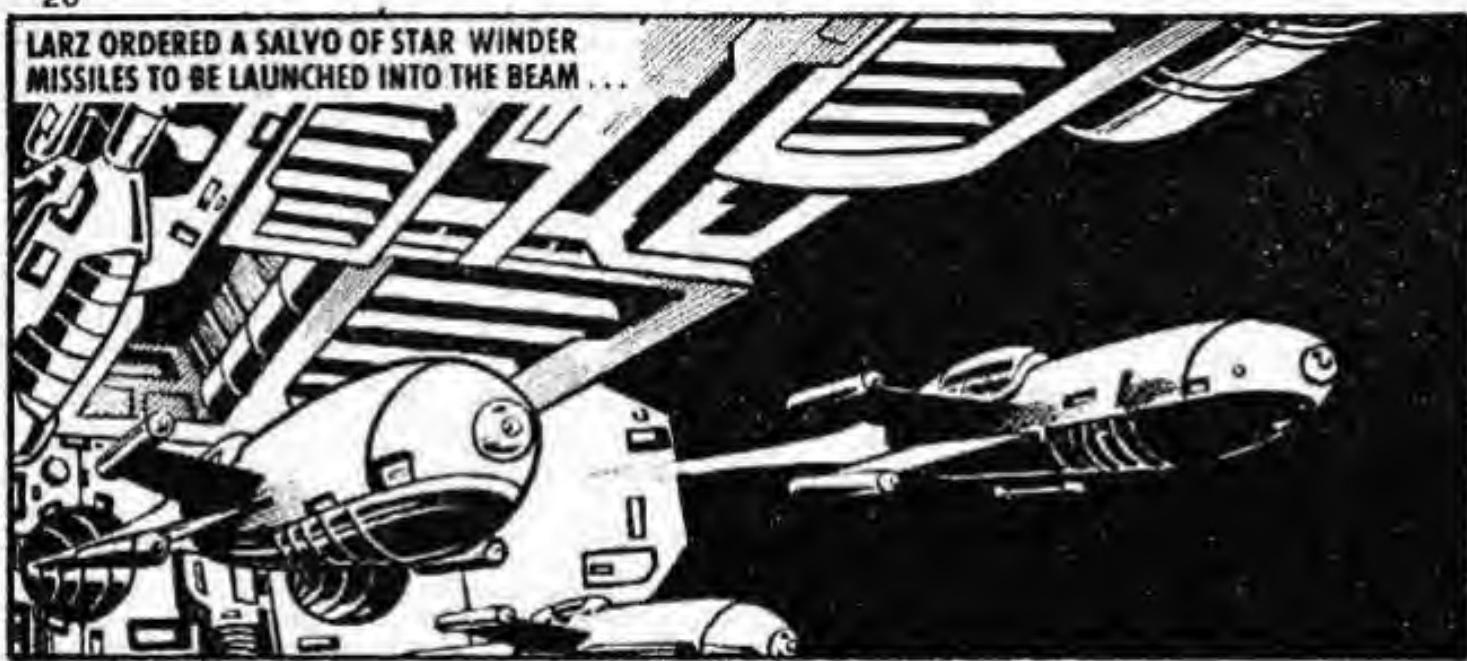
THE BEAM IS DESIGNED TO TRANSPORT PLANETOIDS THROUGH SPACE AND INTO THIS WORLD. TO DO THAT IT HAS TO ACCELERATE THE MOLECULES. PRESUMABLY IT WOULD ALSO ACCELERATE ENERGY MOLECULES!

HADRON AND LARZ AIMED THEIR LASERS AT THE BEAM.



YES, IT'S WORKING! THE ENERGY IS NOW AT THE SAME FREQUENCY AS THE BEAM-SATTS.

LARZ ORDERED A SALVO OF STAR WINDER
MISSILES TO BE LAUNCHED INTO THE BEAM . . .

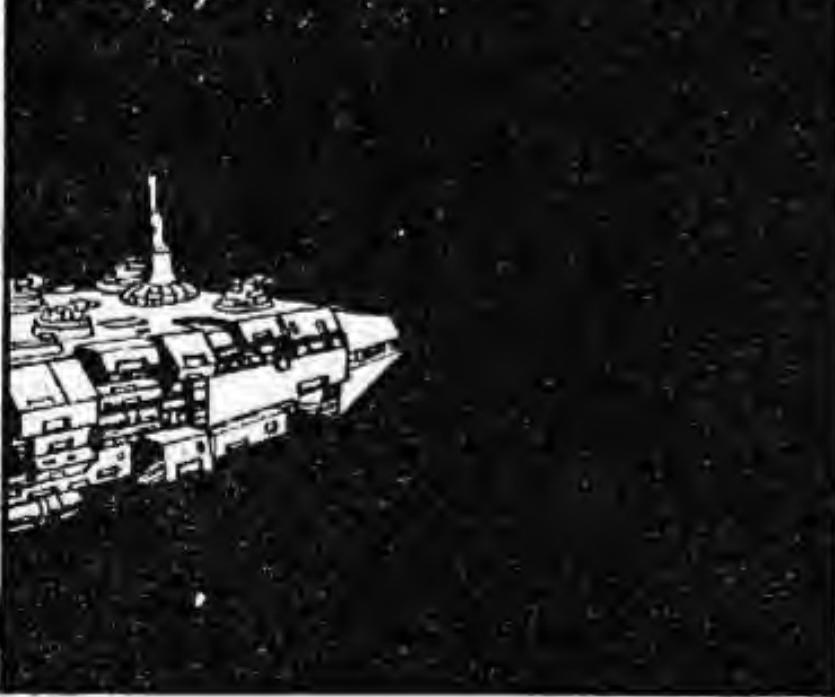


. . . AND THEY WERE INSTANTLY ACCELERATED INTO
THE BEAM-SATTS — WITH DEVASTATING RESULTS.



WITHOUT THE INFLUENCE
OF THE BEAM-SATTS, THE
PLANETOIDS SLOWED AND
BEGAN TO BREAK UP.

CRACK!



THAT SHOULD MAKE OUR
ENEMY SHOW THEIR FACES
— AND WHEN THEY DO,
WE'RE READY FOR THEM.



IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG FOR THE ALIENS TO SHOW THEMSELVES
IN THE FORM OF A COMMAND CENTRE.

PREPARE TO
ENGAGE THE ENEMY!

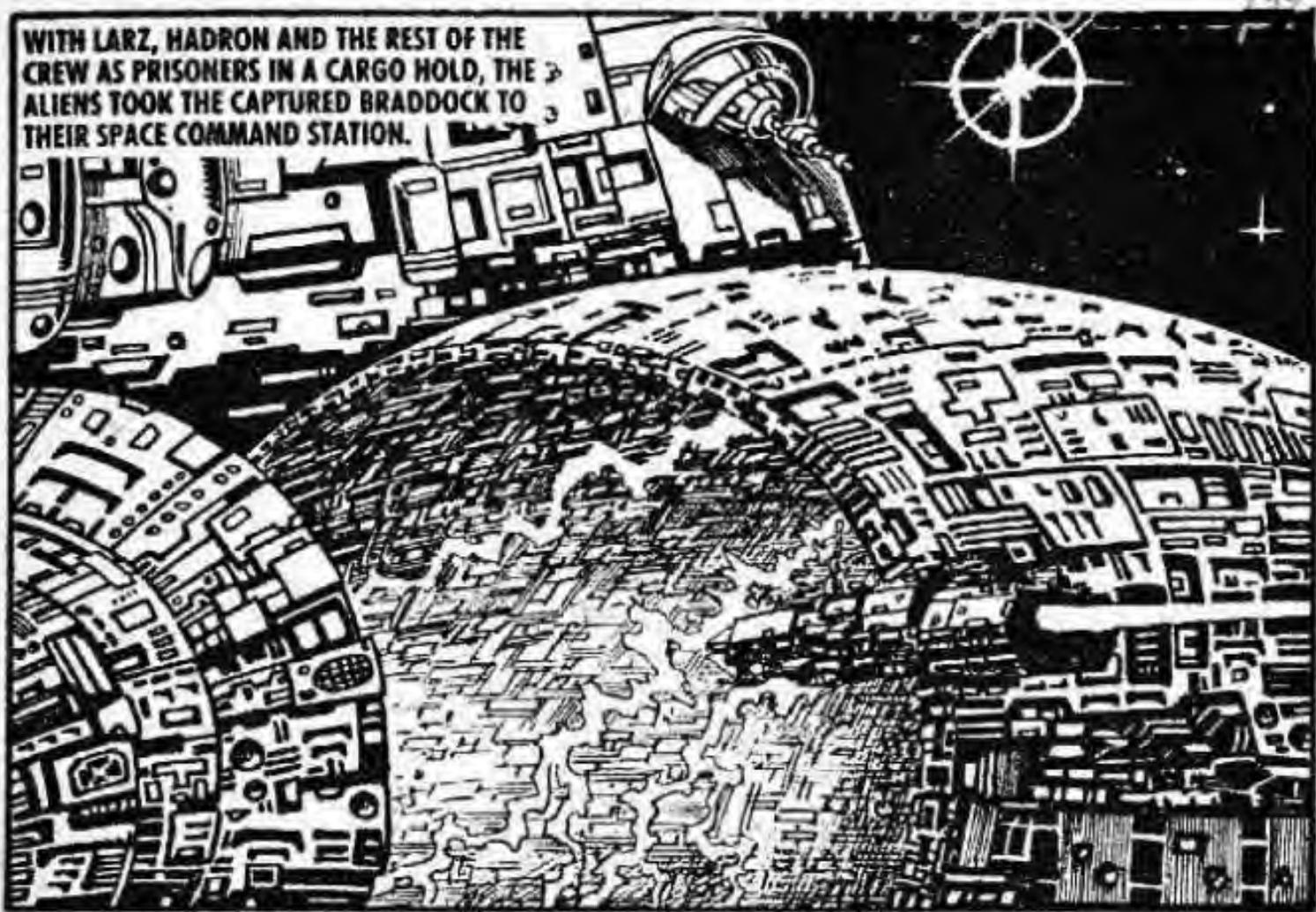


BUT LARZ WAS WRONG —

ARRRRRRGH!

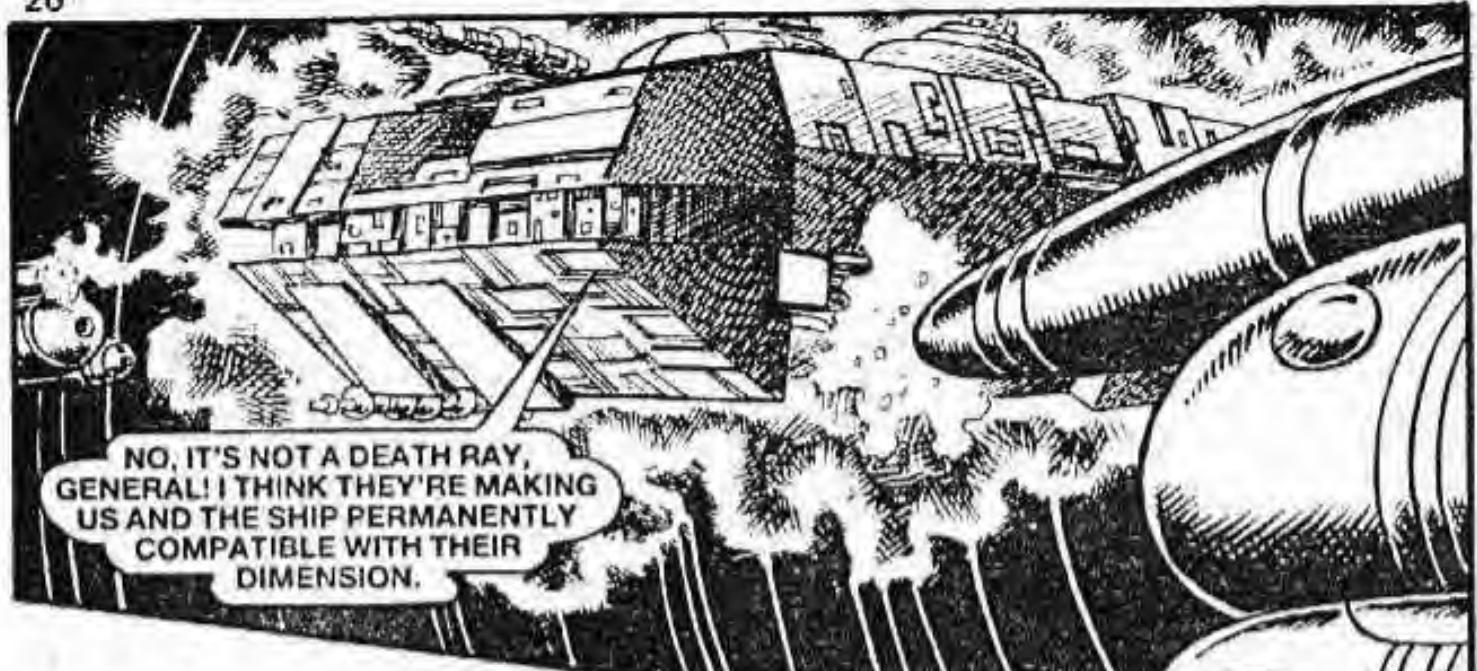


WITH LARZ, HADRON AND THE REST OF THE CREW AS PRISONERS IN A CARGO HOLD, THE ALIENS TOOK THE CAPTURED BRADDOCK TO THEIR SPACE COMMAND STATION.



IT LOOKS LIKE THEY
MEAN TO
EXECUTE US WITHOUT
A TRIAL.



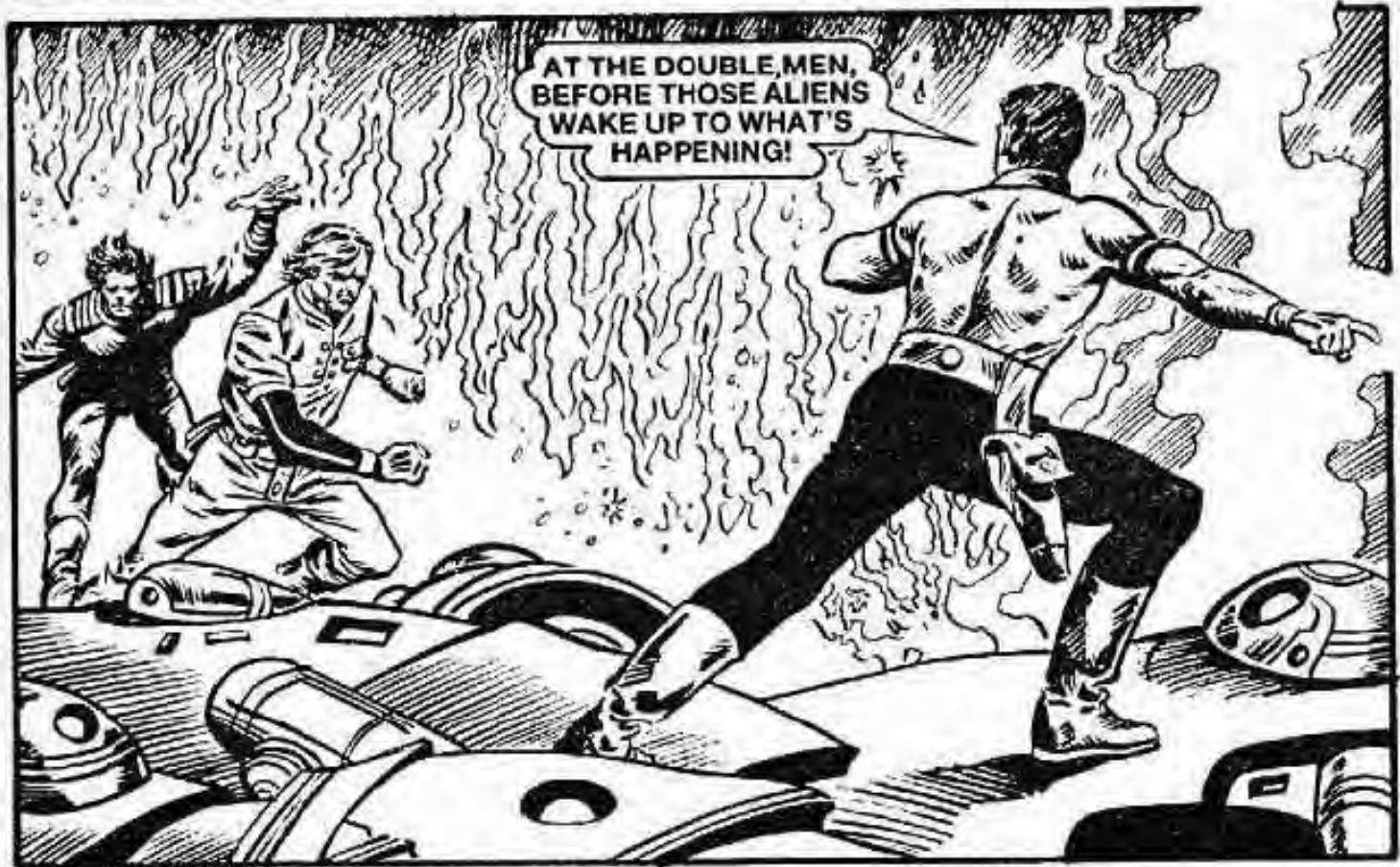
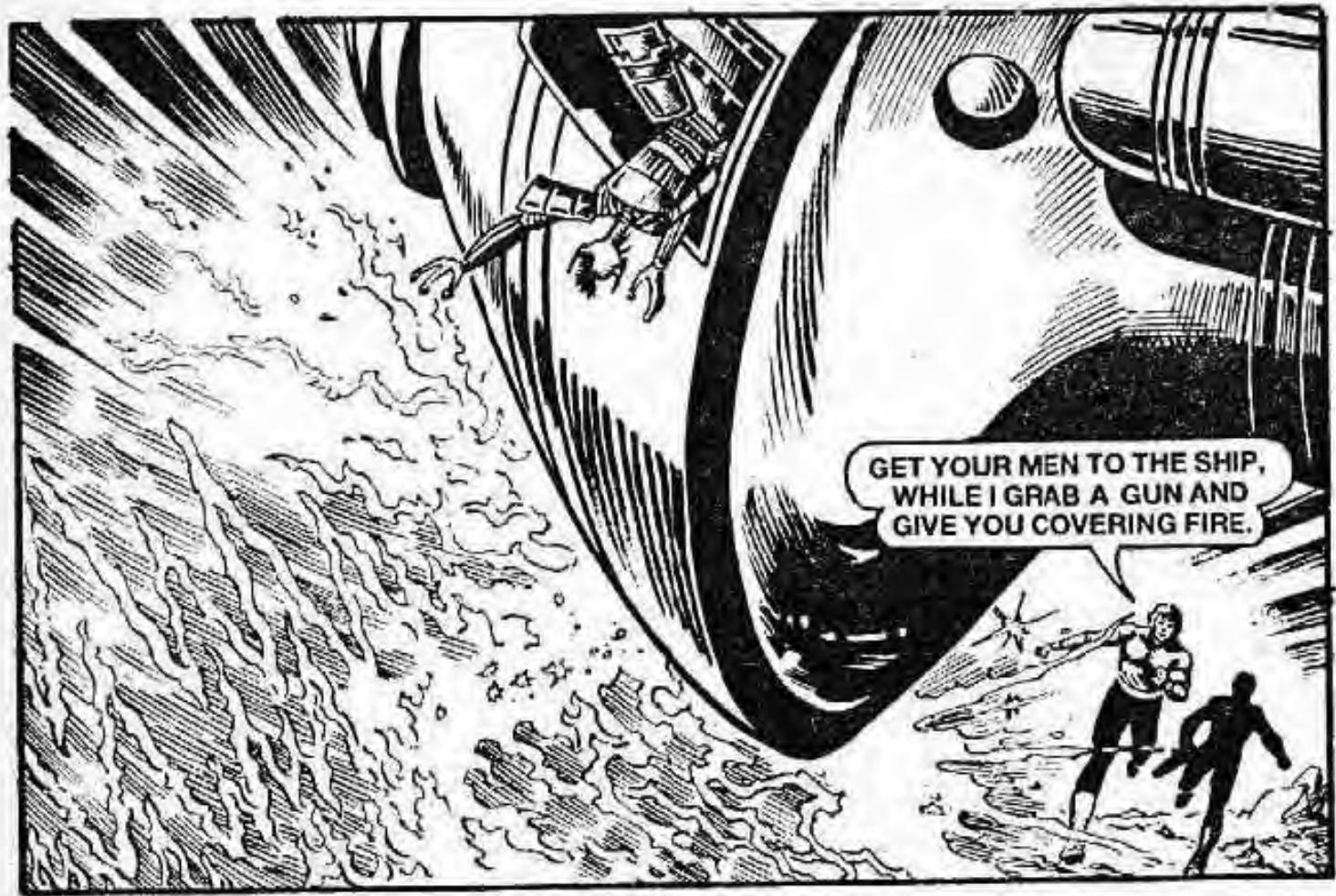


THE BRADDOCK WAS TAKEN TO A PRISON
PLANET AND THE CREW PLACED IN
CONFINEMENT TO AWAIT INTERROGATION.









MOST OF THE ALIENS WERE DAZED FROM THE SHOCK WAVE OF THE METEOR'S IMPACT, BUT SOME WERE ALERT ENOUGH TO TRY AND STOP THE BREAKOUT.



GET BACK IN
YOUR BUNKER!



GENERAL LARZ REGAINED HIS SHIP AND RECOVERED HIS REARGUARD WITH A TELEPORT BEAM.

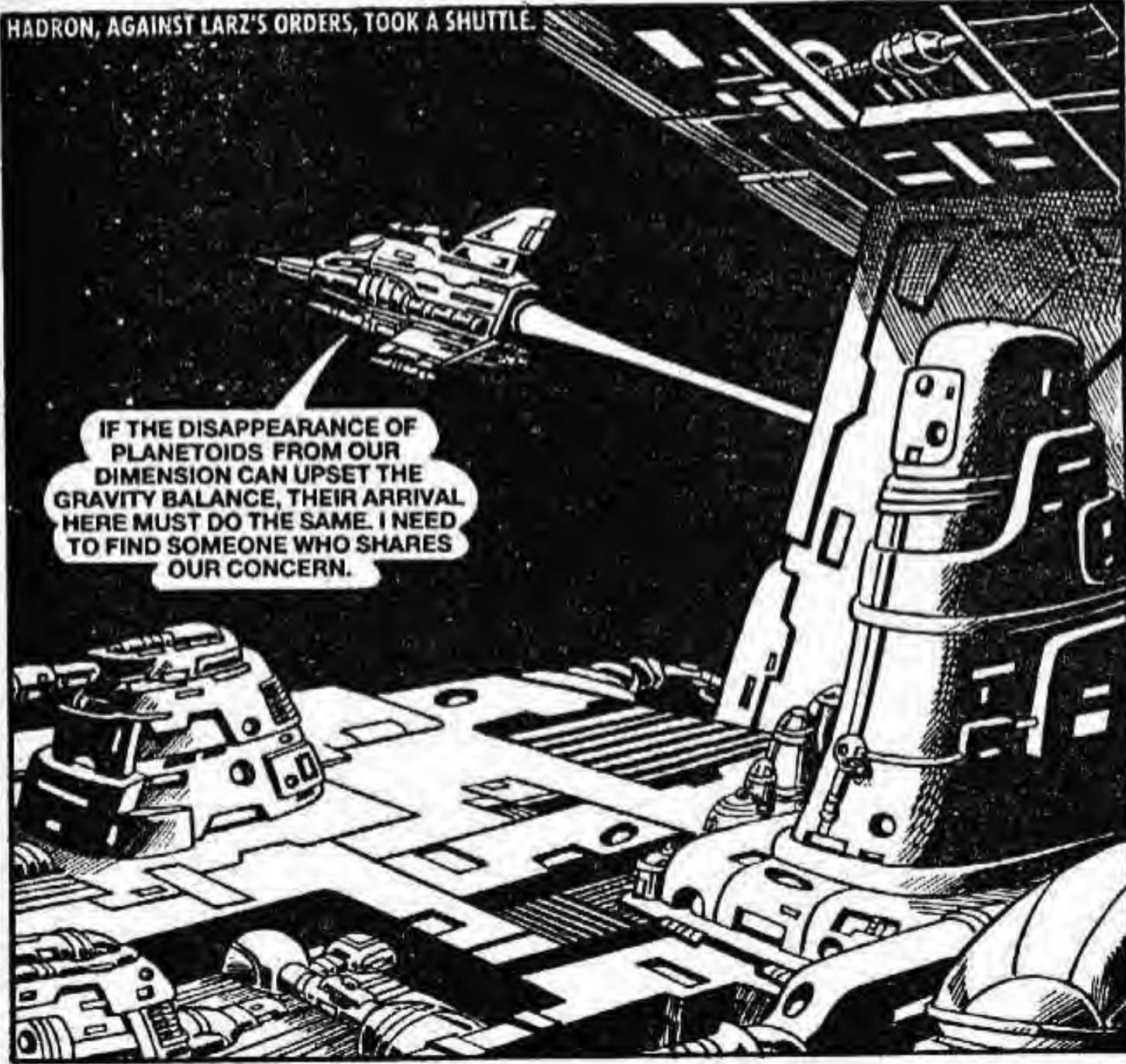


WELL DONE, GENERAL,
WE'RE NOW BACK IN THE FIGHT WITH A FULLY OPERATIONAL BATTLECRUISER.



I'VE ORDERED A COURSE TO TAKE US BACK
FOR ANOTHER CRACK AT THOSE ALIENS
WHERE WE ENTERED THIS
DIMENSION.

WHAT ABOUT OTHER ALIENS IN THIS
AREA? THEY CAN'T ALL BE HOSTILE!



HADRON, AGAINST LARZ'S ORDERS, TOOK A SHUTTLE.

IF THE DISAPPEARANCE OF
PLANETOIDS FROM OUR
DIMENSION CAN UPSET THE
GRAVITY BALANCE, THEIR ARRIVAL
HERE MUST DO THE SAME. I NEED
TO FIND SOMEONE WHO SHARES
OUR CONCERN.

AS HADRON SEARCHED FOR CIVILISED LIFE, LARZ JOINED BATTLE WITH THE ALIEN ENEMY.

STAND BY TO DEPLOY
GALAC SQUAD COMMANDOS.

LARZ KNEW THE ALIEN BATTLE STATION WAS MORE HEAVILY ARMED THAN HIS SHIP, SO HE SENT IN HIS COMMANDOS TO SOFTEN UP THE TARGET.

OK, LET'S GO
GALAC SQUAD!

THEIR PERSONAL FORCESUITS KEPT THE COMMANDOS SAFE.



THEY'RE USING LASERS! GIVE THEM A TASTE OF FIREFLY GRENADES.



FIREFLY GRENADES WERE ATTRACTED BY LIGHT AND HOMED IN ON ITS SOURCE.



WITHOUT ELECTRONIC EYES AND EARS, THE ALIENS WILL BE NO MATCH FOR THE BRADDOCK.



BUT —

WATCH OUT
FOR THAT MIST.

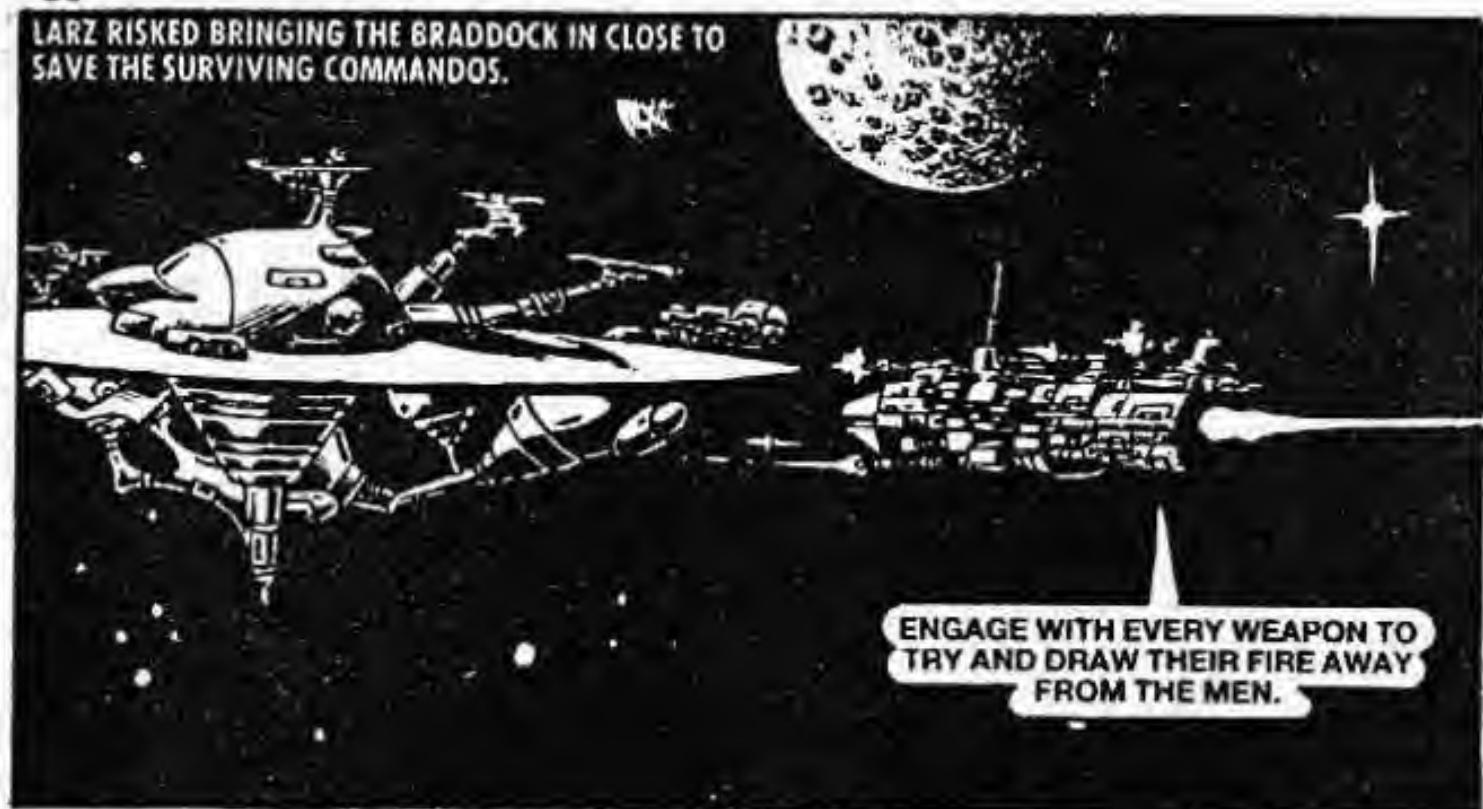
OUR PRESSURE SUITS SEEM PROOF
AGAINST IT, WHATEVER IT IS.

DOUSE THAT BEAM SOMEONE, IT'S
MAKING THE MIST GO SOLID!

IT'S PLASMA GEL — WATCH
YOUR BACK PACKS! DON'T
LET THE GEL CLOG UP THE
JET.



LARZ RISKED BRINGING THE BRADDOCK IN CLOSE TO
SAVE THE SURVIVING COMMANDOS.





THEY HAVE
HAD ENOUGH!



THEY HAVE NO HOME IN THIS
DIMENSION TO RUN TO. WE WILL
TRACK THEIR EVERY MOVE AS WE
PREPARE A PURSUIT FORCE.



ON BOARD THE
BRADDOCK—

NEXT TIME WE WON'T HAVE
SURPRISE ON OUR SIDE.
HADRON WAS RIGHT — WE
SHOULD HAVE LOOKED FOR
ALLIES IN THIS DIMENSION!

MEANWHILE, HADRON HAD TRACED ELECTRO-MAGNETIC EMISSIONS FROM A NEARBY PLANET AND DISCOVERED THE CITY OF THEIR SOURCE.

WHERE THERE'S TRANSMIT WAVE ACTIVITY, THERE'S CIVILISATION. I ONLY HOPE MY AUTO-TRANSLATOR UNIT WORKS.

HADRON ENTERED THE CITY—

WHAT DO YOU WANT OF THE
WARLORD OF LAAMA, STRANGER?

I HAVE AN URGENT MESSAGE
FOR YOUR MEN OF SCIENCE.

THANKFULLY, HADRON'S TRANSLATOR PACK WORKED.

HADRON EXPLAINED THE DANGER

... AND SO I ASK FOR YOUR
HELP IN STOPPING THESE
ALIENS WHO ARE
ENDANGERING NOT ONLY
OUR WORLD, BUT YOURS.

OUR COUNCIL WILL
CONSIDER YOUR
REQUEST. IN THE
MEANTIME PLEASE
ENJOY OUR GARDENS.

THANK YOU FOR LISTENING ...
I HOPE YOU AGREE TO HELP!



HADRON ACTIVATED HIS PERSONAL POWER PACK AND TURNED THE SPAR INTO AN ENERGISED LANCE. HE WAS PROTECTED FROM THE ENERGY BY AN INSULATION GAUNTLET.



NOW TO FIND OUT WHERE

THEY'VE TAKEN MY SHIP.



HE SOON FOUND IT — IN A HUGE CAVE.



JUPE! THEY'RE RUNNING A
COMPLETE ANALYSIS OF THE
SHIP'S SYSTEMS.



WOWEE! SOMEBODY HAS
SPOTTED ME!



THWUMP

I SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET A
DIRECT DATA LINK TO MY SHIP'S
COMPUTER ...

INSIDE THE SHUTTLE, HADRON'S
LINK ACTIVATED THE COMPUTER.

ARGH! THE SHIP FIGHTS BY ITSELF!



BUT THE WARLORD RETALIATED BY
CLOSING THE HANGAR DOOR.

CURSES! THE HANGAR DOOR'S CUT OFF
MY DATA-LINK. I NEED TO FIND ANOTHER
WAY TO REACH MY SHIP.



HADRON ENTERED A CAVE—

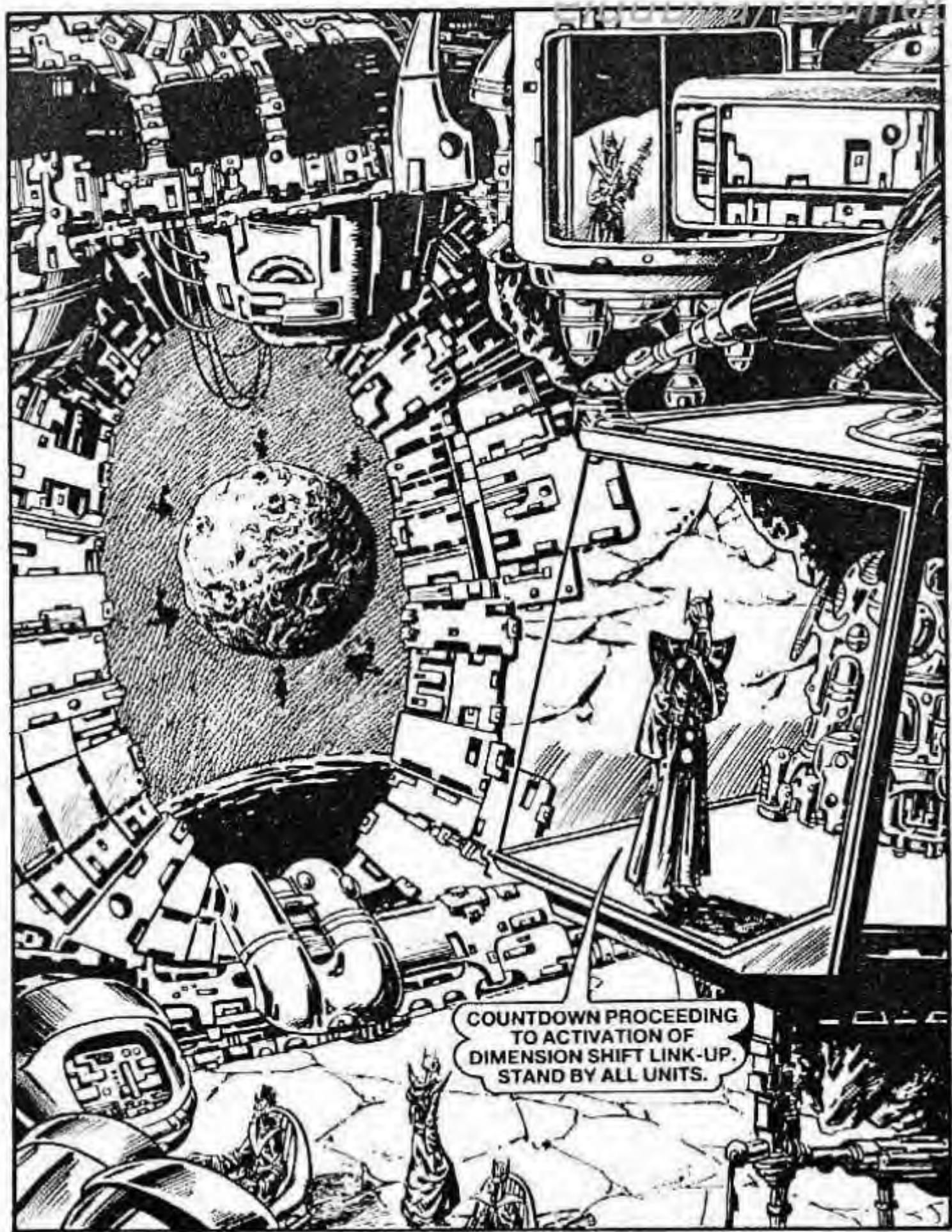
THE WHOLE PLACE IS CARVED OUT LIKE
A HONEYCOMB! MY SHIP COULD BE
DOWN ANY ONE OF THESE PASSAGES.



HADRON HEARD THE HUM OF
POWERFUL EQUIPMENT AND TRACED
THE SOURCE OF THE SOUND ...

JUPE! WHAT A PRIZE IDIOT I'VE BEEN. I'VE
COME ASKING FOR HELP FROM THE VERY
PEOPLE WHO ARE MASTERMINDING THE
STEALING OF OUR PLANETOIDS!





HADRON WAS DETERMINED TO ENTER THE CHAMBER ANY WAY HE COULD.

JUST MY LUCK TO FIND THE
ENEMY'S OPERATIONS CENTRE
AND NOT HAVE AN OUNCE OF
EXPLOSIVE ON ME ...

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HADRON QUICKLY DONNED THE
UNIFORM.

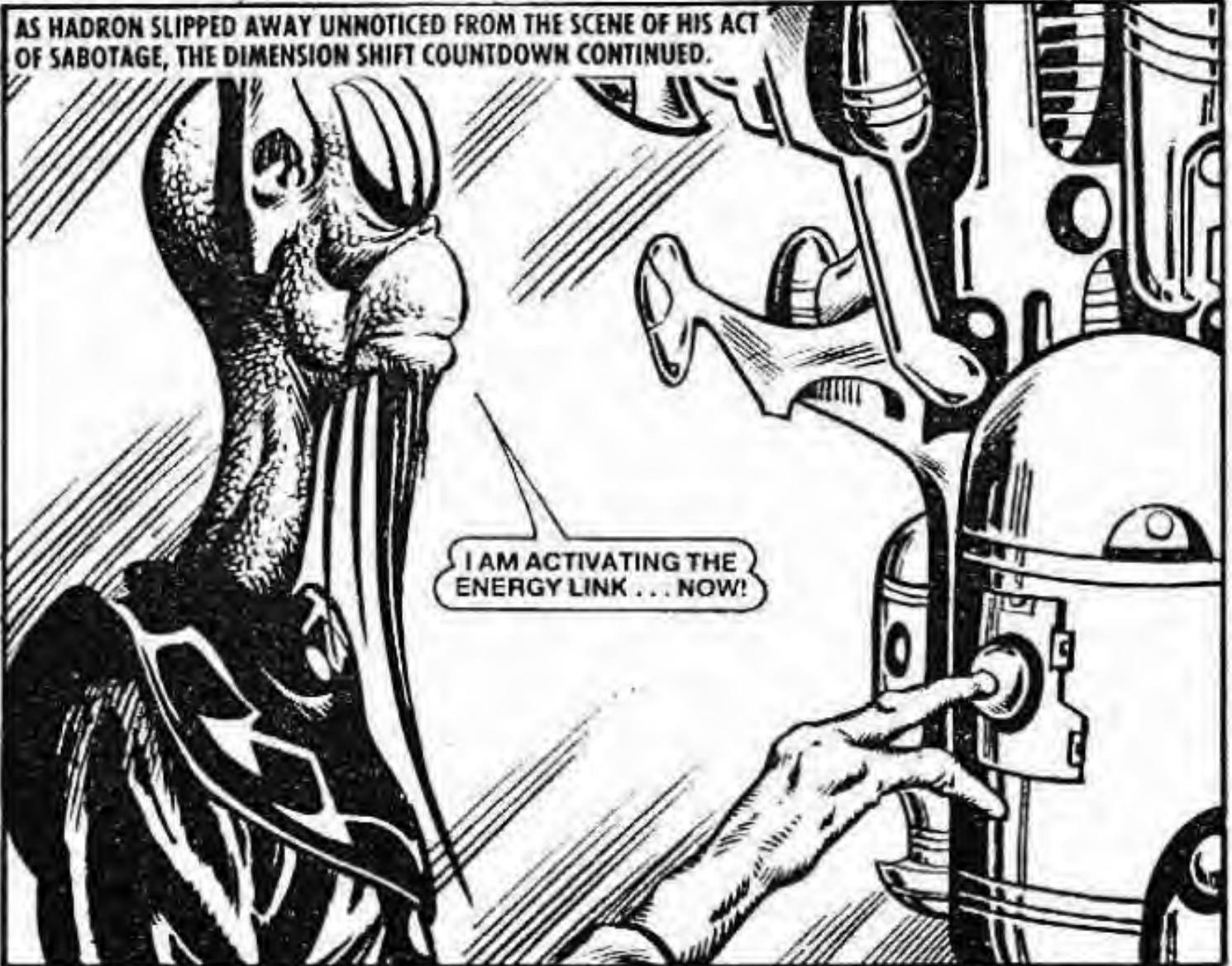
... BUT FI-SCI CAN FIGHT AS EFFECTIVELY WITH
BRAINS AS THEY CAN WITH MUSCLE.

HADRON'S HIGHLY TRAINED
SCIENTIFIC BRAIN ENABLED
HIM TO FIND THE WEAK
LINK IN THE ALIEN'S
OPERATION.

SO, THE ENERGY FOR THE
DIMENSION SHIFT COMES
VIA A LINK WITH A DISTANT
GIANT STAR.

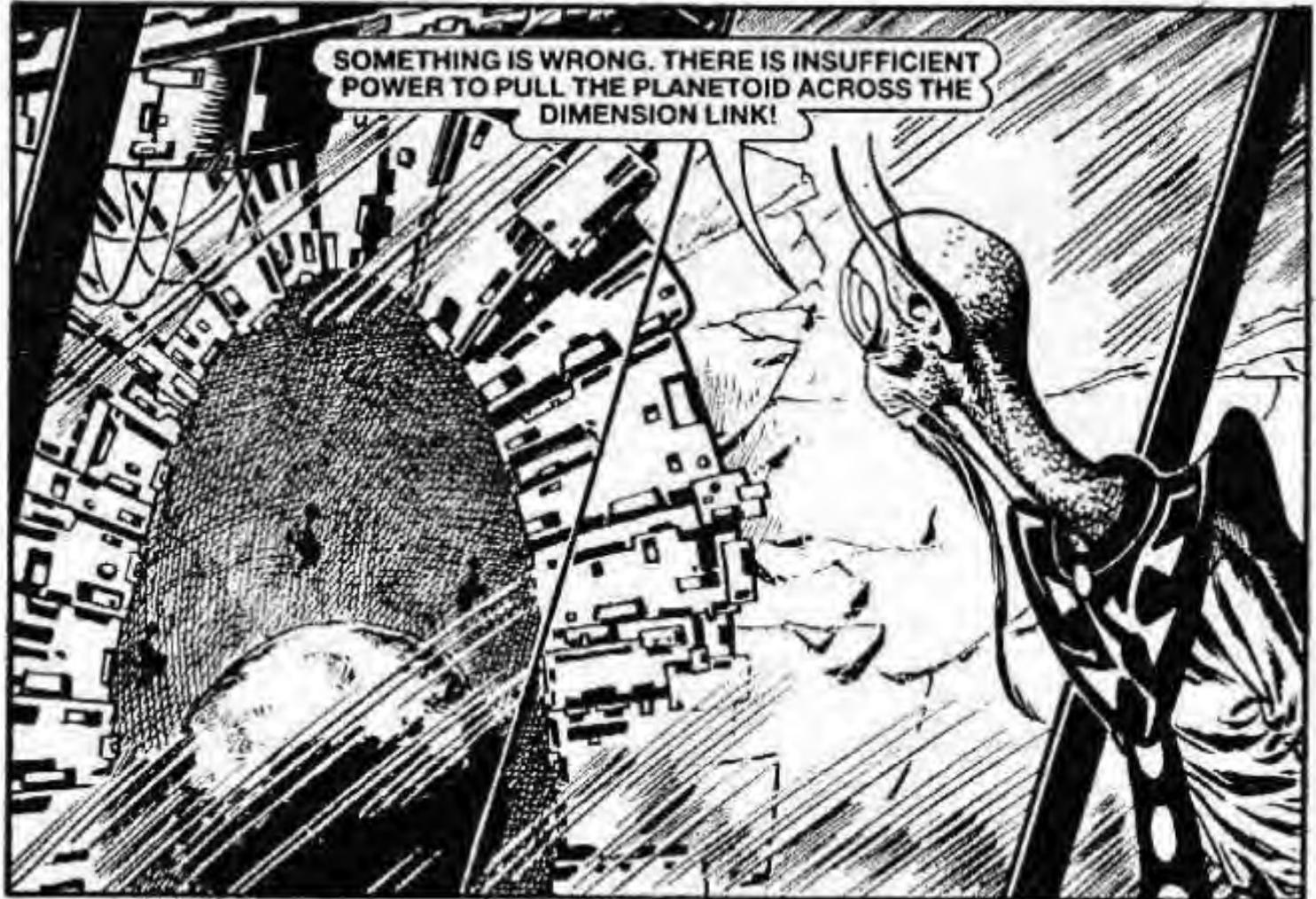


LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE ENERGY LINK IS REFOCUSSED ON THE SUN OF THE LAAMA SYSTEM.



AS HADRON SLIPPED AWAY UNNOTICED FROM THE SCENE OF HIS ACT OF SABOTAGE, THE DIMENSION SHIFT COUNTDOWN CONTINUED.

I AM ACTIVATING THE ENERGY LINK . . . NOW!



BEFORE THE WARLORD COULD SHUT DOWN THE ENERGY LINK, IT DRAGGED A HUGE FIREBALL FROM THE SURFACE OF THE SUN.



THE FIREBALL MADE A CLOSE APPROACH OF LAAMA CITY...

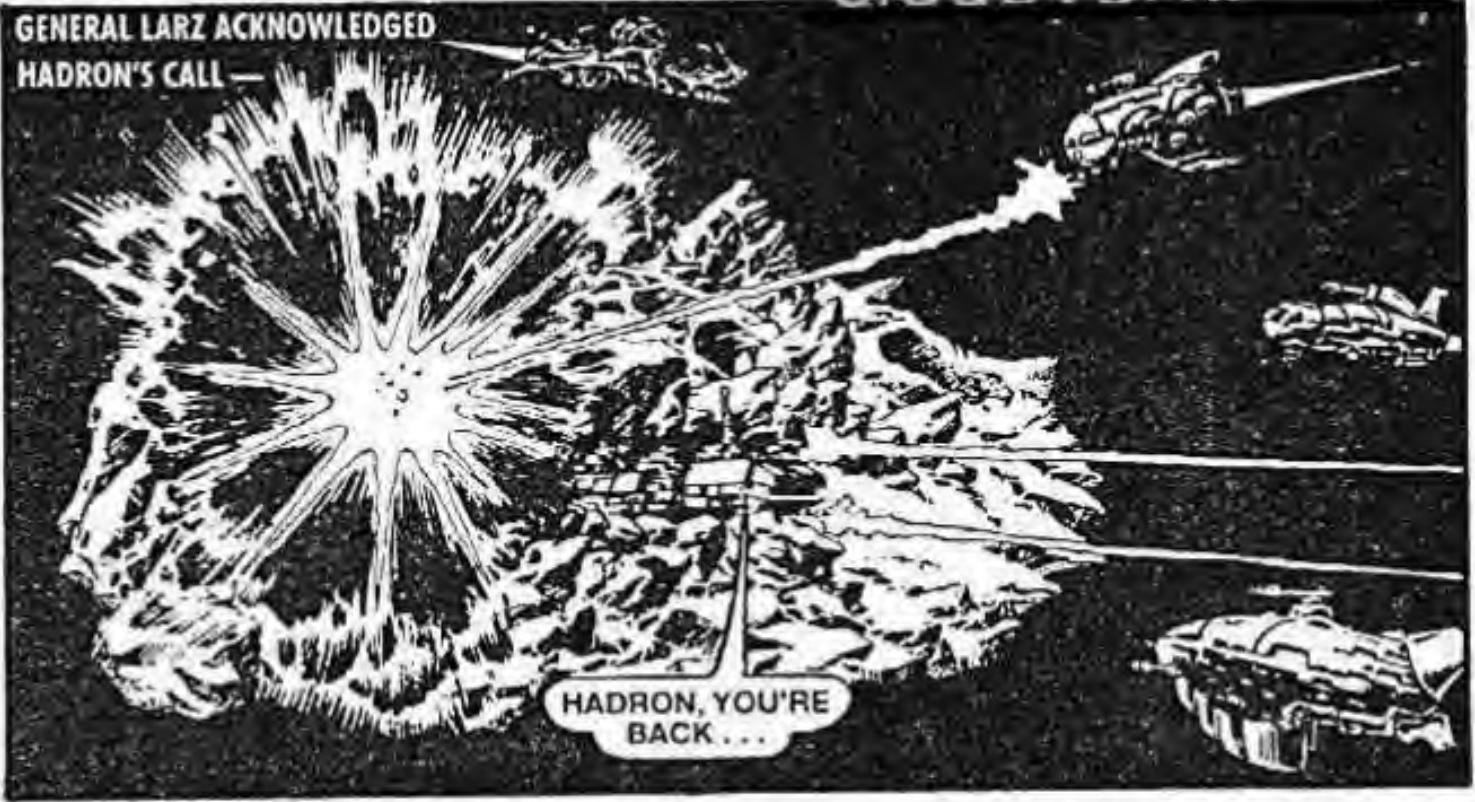


THE CHAOS CAUSED BY THE FIREBALL GAVE HADRON THE OPPORTUNITY TO RESCUE HIS SHIP FROM THE CLUTCHES OF THE WARLORD OF LAAMA.



GENERAL LARZ ACKNOWLEDGED

HADRON'S CALL —



HADRON, YOU'RE
BACK...



WE CAN'T HELP.
THE SHIP IS HALF DISMANTLED
FOR REPAIR WORK. WE
ARE UNDER ATTACK.



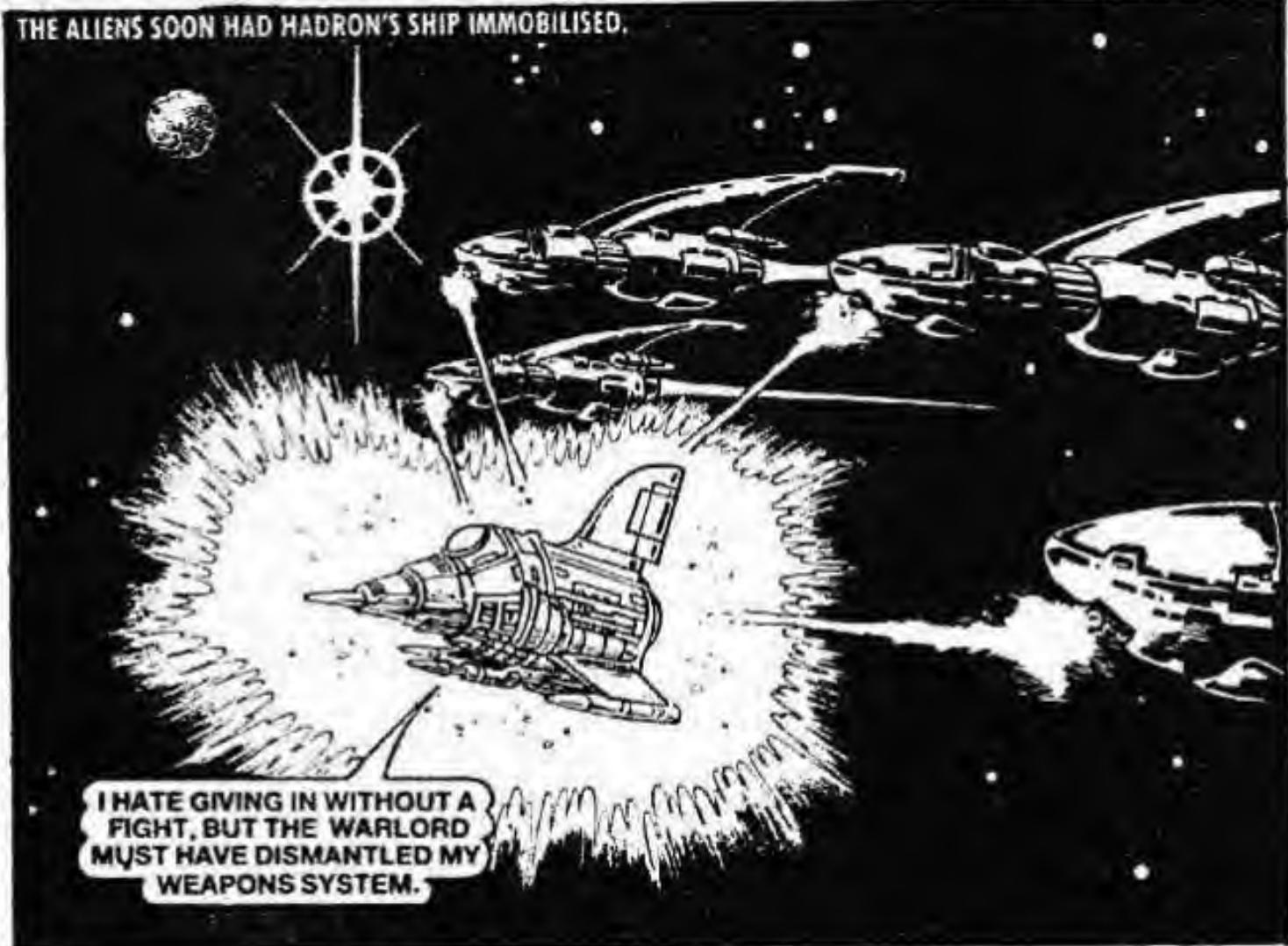
I'VE GOT A FIX ON YOUR POSITION,
GENERAL. I'M ON MY WAY.

EVEN THOUGH HADRON'S SHIP WAS
DESIGNED FOR SCOUTING NOT FOR
FIGHTING, THE MAN FROM FI-SCI HAD NO
HESITATION IN SETTING COURSE FOR THE
CONFLICT —



JUPE! I'M UNDER ATTACK! AND I'M
STILL A LONG WAY FROM THE BRADDOCK.

THE ALIENS SOON HAD HADRON'S SHIP IMMOBILISED.



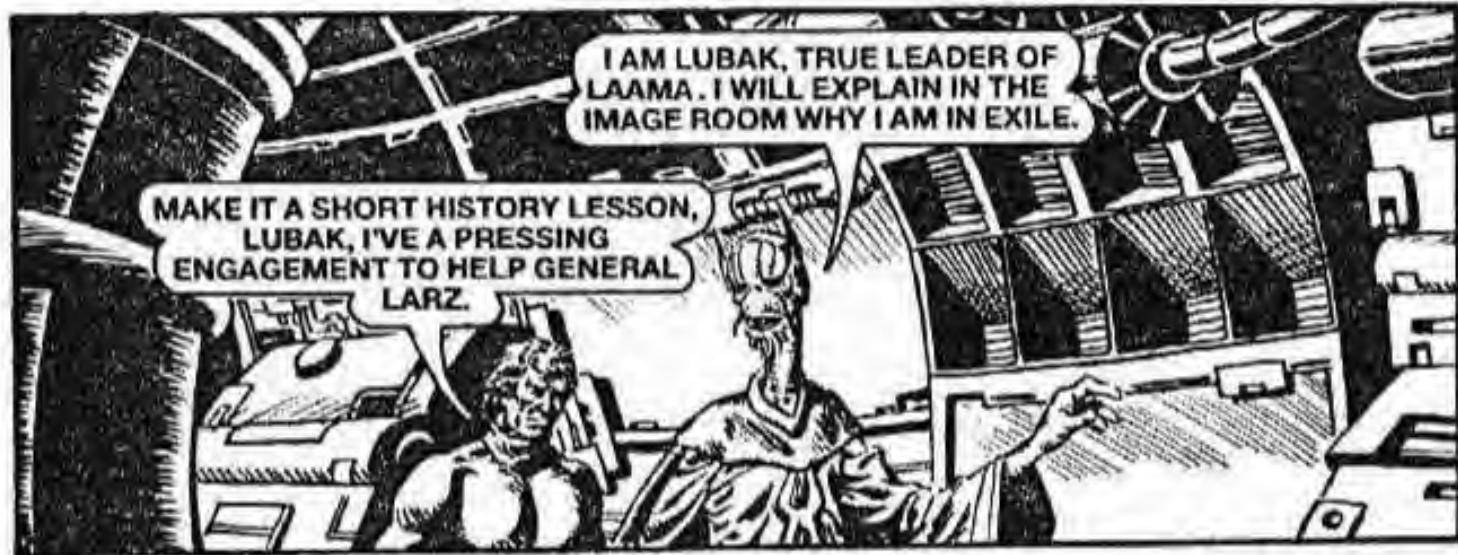
I HATE GIVING IN WITHOUT A
FIGHT, BUT THE WARLORD
MUST HAVE DISMANTLED MY
WEAPONS SYSTEM.

HADRON WAS TAKEN TO A GIANT STRUCTURE —



ONCE ABOARD HE WAS ORDERED OUT —







OUR SCIENTISTS, IN A FIT OF AMBITIOUS MADNESS, DECIDED TO TRY AND BUILD A NEW WORLD — BUT THE ENTERPRISE IS DOOMED.

THEY FORGOT TO CALCULATE FOR THE GRAVITY IMBALANCE CAUSED BY SHIFTING MATTER FROM ONE DIMENSION TO ANOTHER.



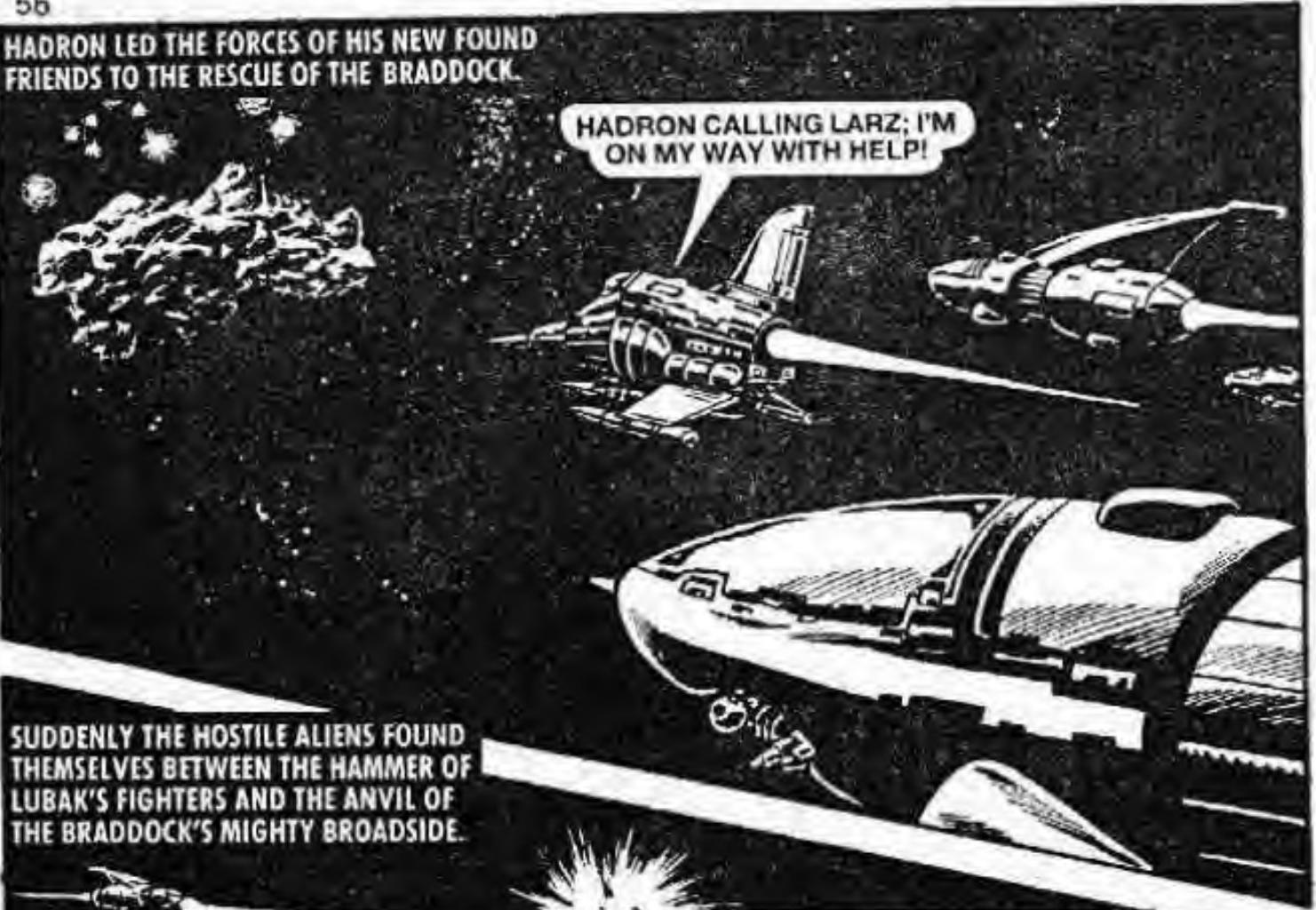
NO! THEY IGNORED IT! WE ARGUED AND LEFT. WE HAVE FOUND A NEW UNINHABITED WORLD, BUT WE LACK THE STRENGTH TO BREAK THE POWER OF THE WARLORD'S HOLD OVER OUR PEOPLE.

IF WE JOIN FORCES AND GO AFTER THEM BEFORE THEY RECOVER FROM THE EFFECTS OF THE FIREBALL, WE MIGHT JUST WIN.



HADRON LED THE FORCES OF HIS NEW FOUND FRIENDS TO THE RESCUE OF THE BRADDOCK.

HADRON CALLING LARZ; I'M ON MY WAY WITH HELP!



SUDDENLY THE HOSTILE ALIENS FOUND THEMSELVES BETWEEN THE HAMMER OF LUBAK'S FIGHTERS AND THE ANVIL OF THE BRADDOCK'S MIGHTY BROADSIDE.

THANKS, HADRON! BETTER LATE THAN NEVER.



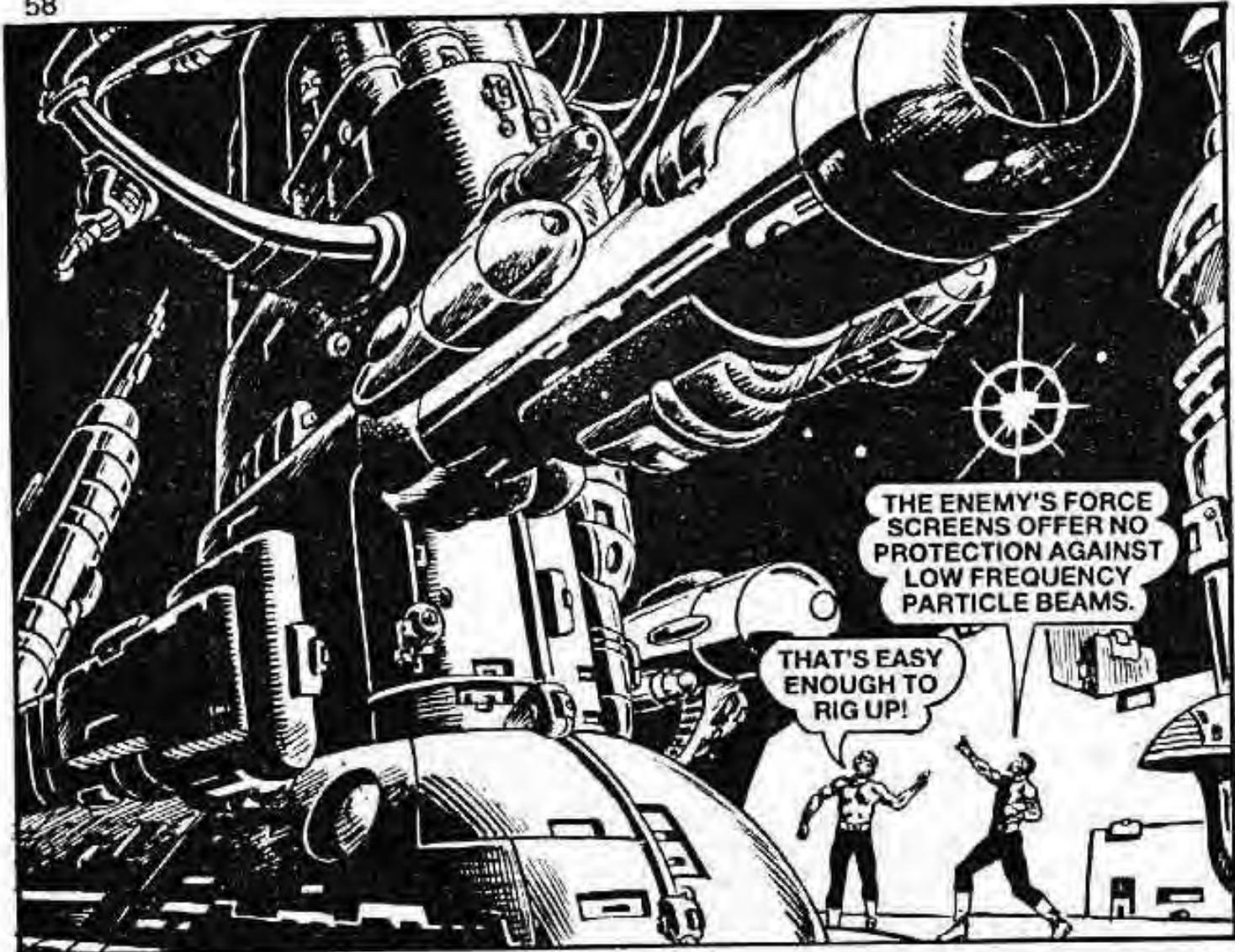
KRUMP
THE FORCES OF THE WARLORD FALL BEFORE US! THIS IS A PROUD DAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF LAAMA!

JUST AS SOON AS THE BRADDOCK CAN BE MADE SPACE-WORTHY, I SUGGEST WE HAVE A CRACK AT THAT BATTLE STATION WITH OUR COMBINED FORCE.

AS THE SHATTERED REMNANTS OF THE HOSTILE ALIEN FORCE SOUGHT REFUGE IN DEEP SPACE, HADRON REJOINED GENERAL LARZ.

FOR ONCE I AGREE WITH YOU, HADRON.

THE LONG SIEGE GAVE US THE CHANCE TO STUDY OUR ENEMY AND I THINK WE'VE DISCOVERED HIS WEAK SPOT.



BY THE TIME THE BRADDOCK REACHED THE TARGET ZONE, HADRON HAD COMPLETED THE MODIFICATION TO THE MAIN PARTICLE BEAM PROJECTOR. •



THE INEVITABLE END OF THE ALIEN BATTLE STATION CAME SWIFTLY . . .

BOOM!

THE THREE PLANNED THE NEXT PHASE OF THE OPERATION TO FREE THE PEOPLE OF LAAMA FROM THE OPPRESSIVE RULE OF THE WARLORD.

THE WARLORD LED A SMALL, FANATICAL GROUP AND USED FEAR TO MAINTAIN CONTROL.

THEN OUR STRIKE MUST BE AGAINST THEM AND NOT THE PEOPLE.



THE ARRIVAL OF THE BRADDOCK IN ORBITAL SPACE
TRIGGERED OFF AN UPRISING AGAINST THE WARLORD.



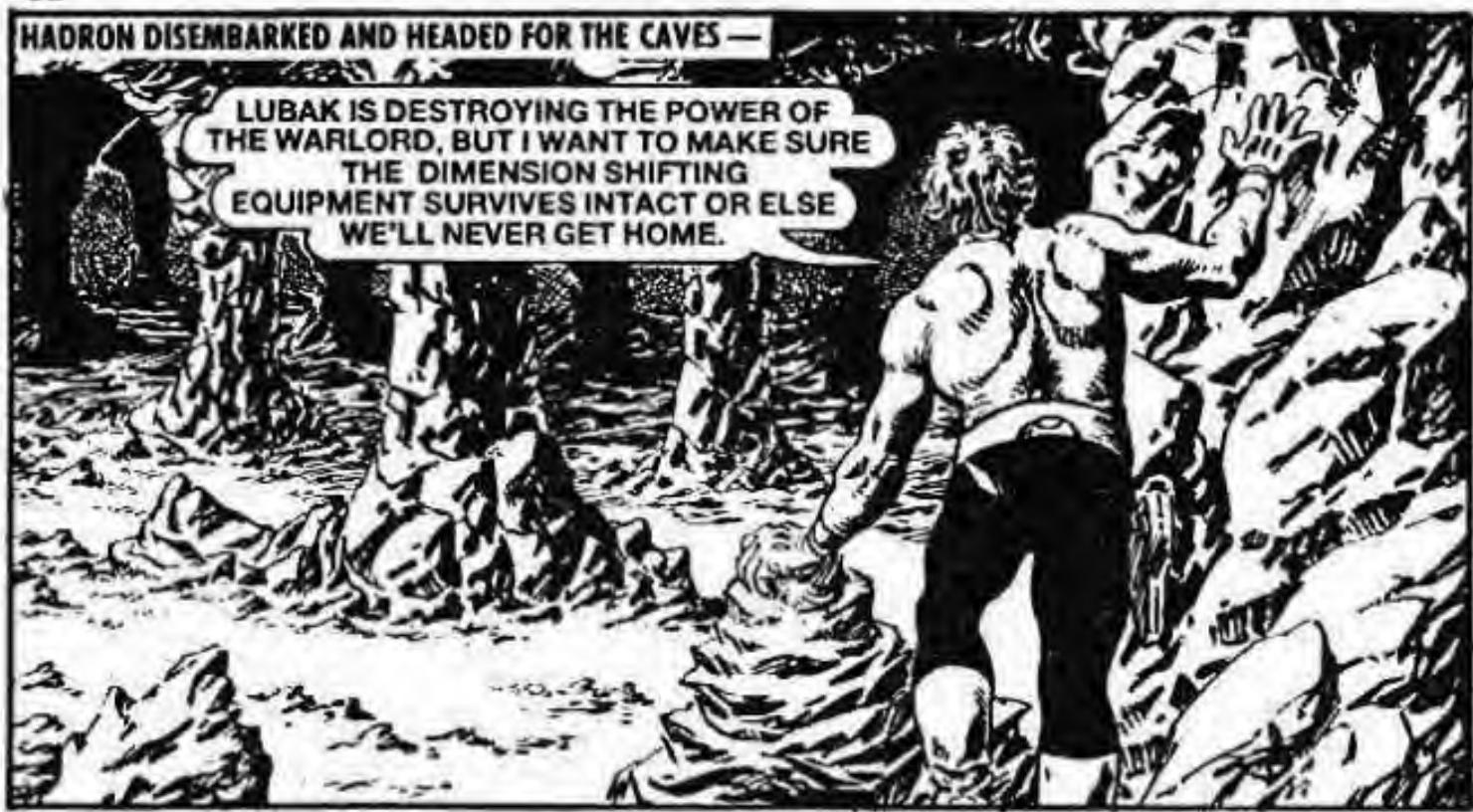
WE URGENTLY NEED TO GET MEN
DEPLOYED ON THE GROUND TO
SUPPORT THE UPRISING.

THE FIRST MODULES WERE
MET BY BEWILDERED CITIZENS.

THE LORD LUBAK RETURNS. THE
WARLORD LIED TO YOU WHEN HE
SAID HE WAS DEAD!

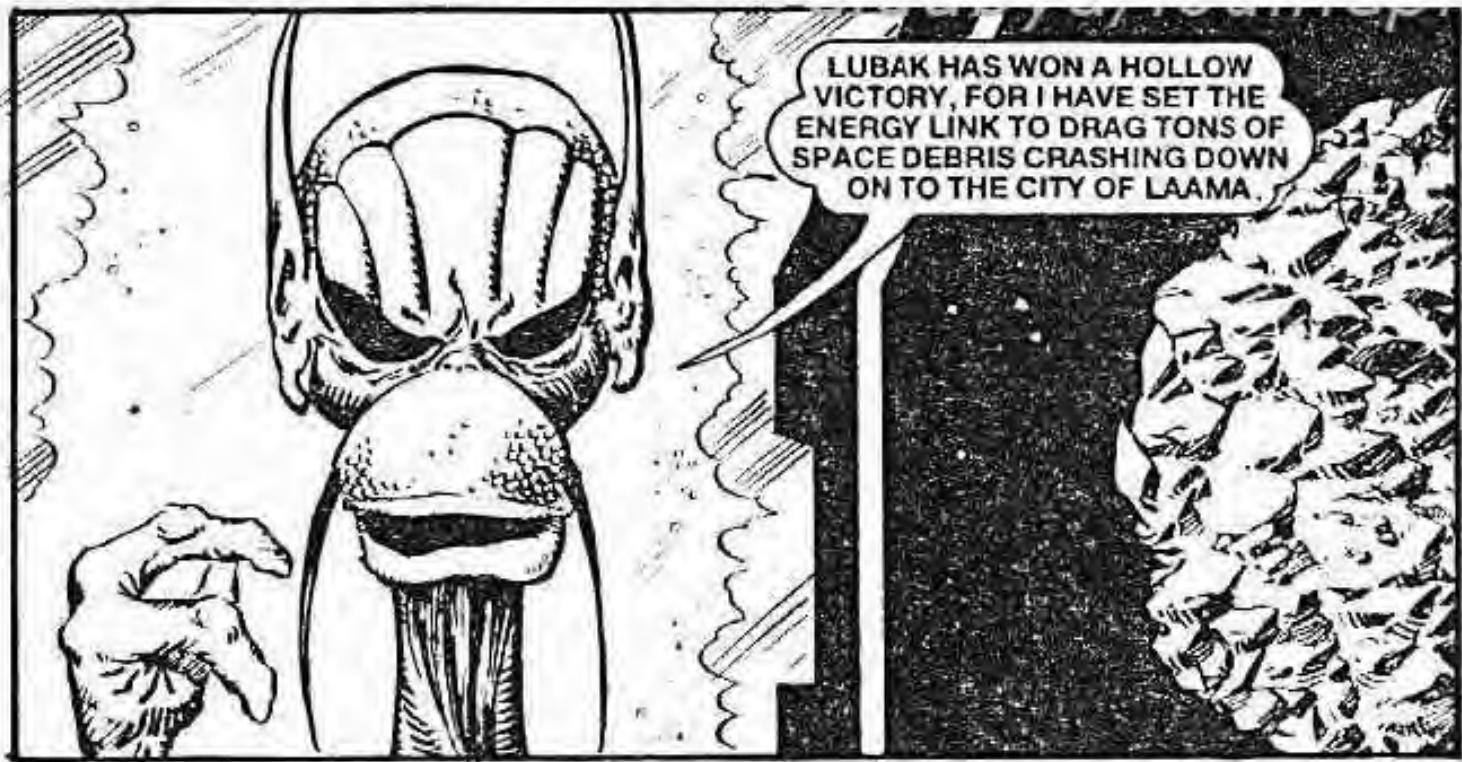
HADRON DISEMBARKED AND HEADED FOR THE CAVES —

LUBAK IS DESTROYING THE POWER OF
THE WARLORD, BUT I WANT TO MAKE SURE
THE DIMENSION SHIFTING
EQUIPMENT SURVIVES INTACT OR ELSE
WE'LL NEVER GET HOME.



I THOUGHT I'D FIND HIM
HERE, BUT I HADN'T BARGAINED FOR
HIS PERSONAL FORCE SCREEN.





BUT BEFORE THE WARLORD HAD A CHANCE TO PUT HIS EVIL PLAN INTO OPERATION, HADRON CHARGED.





WHILE HADRON PREPARED FOR THE RETURN
HOME, LUBAK BROADCAST TO HIS
PEOPLE...

THE WARLORD'S FOLLOWERS HAVE
SURRENDERED AND
PLEDGED THEIR HELP IN TRANSPORTING
OUR CULTURE TO A NEW HOME IN A
NEIGHBOURING STAR SYSTEM.



THE BRADDOCK AND HER CREW PASSED SAFELY BACK INTO THEIR OWN DIMENSION . . .



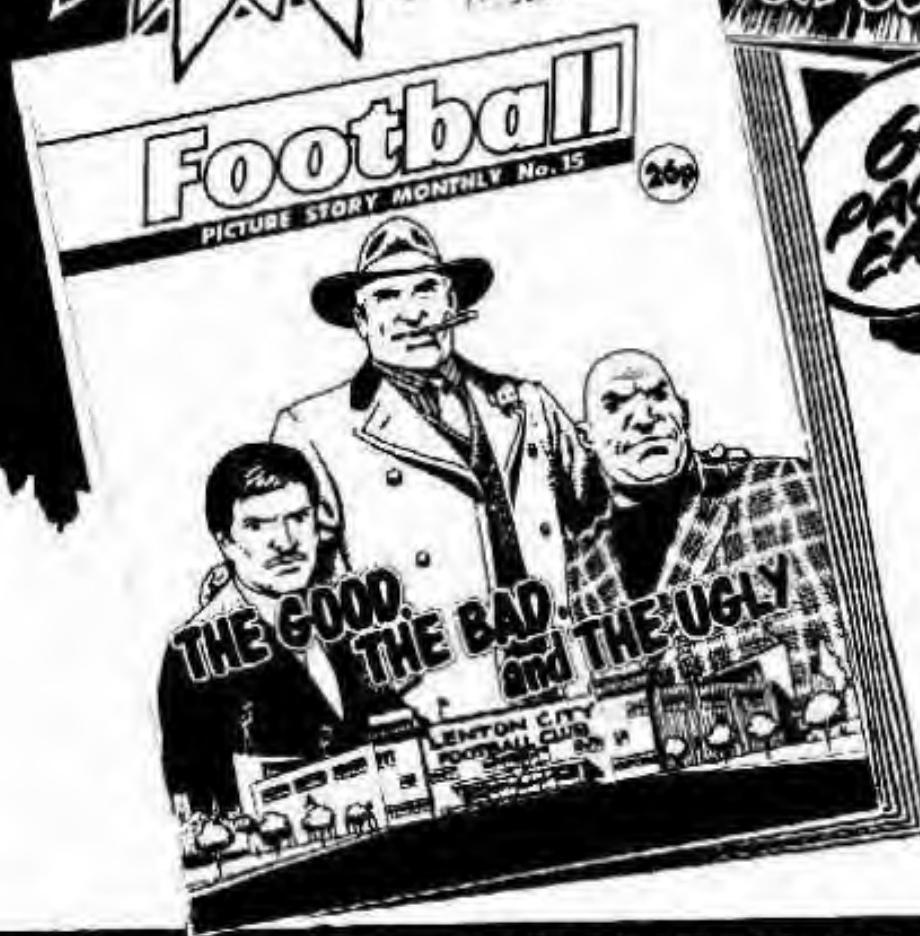
I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE STAYED TO HELP
LUBAK TRANSPORT HIS PEOPLE TO THE
NEW PLANET, HADRON, BUT WE HAVE
WORK THAT MUST BE DONE IN OUR OWN
DIMENSION.

LUBAK HAS THE GOODWILL OF HIS
PEOPLE, GENERAL, WHICH GIVES HIM A
GREATER STRENGTH THAN EVEN GALAC
SQUAD AND FI-SCI COULD PROVIDE.

THE GATEWAY BETWEEN THE DIMENSIONS CLOSED BEHIND THEM FOREVER.

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